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GEM EXCLUSIVE!

As The GEM went to press yesterday, we learned that Waitrose has signed a long-term lease for a new store at RS Bird Ltd's town centre site, subject to planning permission being granted.

Police appeal for witnesses after ambulance man attacked in town

POLICE in Cowbridge are investigating, after an ambulance crew reported that one of them was attacked while on their way through the town centre to an emergency.

The incident took place at 11.30pm on October 15, where Eastgate meets High Street.

The ambulance crew were responding to a blue-light emergency call when they were flagged down by two men.

After one of the ambulance crew explained to the men that they were already responding to an emergency and were unable to stop, he was assaulted by one of the men.

The victim sustained injuries to the upper body.

Sergeant Paul Revers said it was a very distressing incident for a man who was going about his professional duties.

Appealing for witnesses, Sergeant Revers added: "There is a pub nearby, so revellers enjoying a Friday night out might have seen something and have information that can help.

"People may have also been on their way home in the area and may have spotted something."

It was later reported that a 25-year-old man from Cardiff had been arrested and charged with common assault and conditionally bailed.

Anyone with information is asked to contact South Wales Police on 101 with the reference number 62100360157, or alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

ABOVE: Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge played host to a special guest recently, and he is pictured being welcomed by local church-goers Sam Smith, Tom Griffiths, James Barrett and Simon Gooding. (SEE PAGE 5 FOR A FULL REPORT).

Fashion week...

FASHIONISTAS have been out in force in Cowbridge during the town's fashion week.

See page 4 for a report by Jayne Isaac, and page 16 photographs by GLYN EVANS.

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The poor will suffer most

THE recent ConDem government's Spending Review will brutally affect and change the way we live – it means that we are all paying the price for the failure of capitalism.

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The ConDems say we are 'all in this together'. This is not true; the ones it will hurt the most are the poor, who will suffer by being hit twice as much as the rich.

The bankers who caused this problem have escaped paying the price for all this.

It is amazing to think that those who were not involved are paying for their incompetence.

I personally think that the banks should be paying the price for this crisis and not us.
Coun Richard Bertin,
Barry

'Time to move on, Councillor Bertin'

I FEEL I must reply to one of the numerous letters and articles Coun Richard Bertin has been bombarding us with in the press in which he made reference to members leaving the Labour Party.

I would like to put the records straight. Yes, we have had members leave us in the past, but since the last general election the membership in the Vale, and across the breadth of the UK, has shown a dramatic upturn and increase.

Perhaps he should have checked this out before making reference to this.

Whatever issues Coun Bertin had with the Labour Party, he is not the first party member to change their allegiance over personal issues, political stances, or disagreement with policy decisions.

I have been a member of the Labour Party since 1971 and have not always agreed with decisions taken, but I believe in egalitarianism, democracy, and unity.

Can I suggest to Coun Bertin, quoting from Edward FitzGerald's translation of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, '*The moving finger writes, and, having writ, moves on*'.

He should now draw a line in the sand and move on, and would be better occupied in representing the interests of the constituents who elected him, rather than promoting his own self-interest in the press.
Coun Pamela Drake,
Barry

'Does our town need yet another café?'

DO we really need another cafe in the main part of Llantwit Major - a two-storey one at that?

Please, planners, don't let this cafe go ahead; it will completely overwhelm the town.

Let's keep that area free for the shoppers to stop and chat and feel space around them.
Jean Evans,
Llantwit Major

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'With clear vision, the Theatre Royal could rise again'

SINCE the closure of Barry's Theatre Royal cinema 2½ years ago, the Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) has been working hard in its efforts to establish its re-opening.

The most recent is the idea of raising funds towards an eventual purchase, which, in preparation resulted in SOCA being registered as a trust under a new name of Theatre Royal Arts Cinema Trust (TRACT).

On learning of Hafod Housing plans to provide an extra care facility on the site, we were unable to progress our fundraising intentions, though we will strongly object to any proposals put forward for the site's use, other than a cinema and arts venue.

In what could (and, indeed, should) be a cause for celebration recognising the cinema's centenary, it may be probable that another piece of Barry's history will be disregarded.

It could be said that there is no longer a need for this cinema, with an abundance of multiplex screens in Cardiff – yet it seems other seaside towns (Burnham-on-Sea, Clevedon) can still offer independent cinemas to their community with Bristol's multiplexes close by. Even Weston-super-Mare can provide a four-screen Odeon. So why not Barry?

Plans to redevelop Barry Island's pleasure park are well known by the local community.

Provision to include a new cinema, it has been said, has led to a company being interested – but with so many issues yet to be resolved, there is no guarantee as to how such a plan will unfold.

Other than the above, two other suitable locations for a multiplex could be either Nells Point or the Waterfront, although it would appear that neither of these is being considered by any of the major cinema operators.

With support and a clear vision, the Theatre Royal could once again provide the town's cinema requirement, together with additional arts-associated uses, as opposed to another residential complex.

While an ever-increasing large question mark hangs over a multiplex proposition for Barry, it would make sense to use the closed cinema we already have, rather than see it gone for good and not have such a facility at all. Community support for the Theatre Royal remains strong, and that continuation will hopefully make those responsible within the council's planning department realise that this cinema should be saved from demolition/redevelopment in a town already lacking in entertainment venues.
Paul Sutton, Barry
(Save Our Cinema Association)

'WRONG PLACE FOR CARE HOME'

EVERY time I pass the site of the Theatre Royal cinema, I think that it is the wrong place for a care home on a busy roundabout.

Besides the prospect of patients/users wishing to cross a busy road to the nearest shops and the dangers encountered, it would be very noisy.

I believe that the Welsh Assembly has used £4 million to update a cinema in north Wales, though admittedly that also has the ability to put on stage and theatre shows!

Just half of that sum would more than bring our Theatre Royal back into use!

I also wish that Network Rail and the Vale Council would agree on who is responsible for the repairs to that hole in the bridge on Ship Hill!

It is a nightmare passing that spot when two vehicles (especially big ones) are side-by-side at the narrowest part of the road.
Mrs DE Coombes
Herridge, Barry

'I'm glad St Athan plan was dropped'

LIKE many, I am delighted with the withdrawal of the Metrix deal at MoD St Athan: it has been three years since the original little-read draft was published.

In answer to why the deal was not signed, I suspect it would have been withdrawn by any Government in power, being almost half the defence over-spend, especially as in that time it had risen considerably.

Comments made regarding spending in the community are all estimates and reflect the lack of understanding of the nature of this project.

The term 'posting' is not applicable, as most trainees would be on site for weeks or months. Families may have visited once in that time and spent millions!

All essential requirements and leisure would be on site.

I note that while the last job count showed the new jobs for Wales, it did not show the skilled jobs as transfers.

Most people have taken the hype as gospel without reading the real facts, and took little notice of the detail.
Vickey Way,
Picketston

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
28 Thur	10.09	8.9	22.33	8.7
29 Fri	10.49	8.8	23.20	8.3
30 Sat	11.47	8.2		
31 Sun	00.33	8.0	12.11	8.2
01 Mon	01.03	7.8	13.33	8.4
02 Tues	02.19	8.3	14.49	8.8
03 Wed	03.26	9.0	15.47	9.3
04 Thur	04.16	9.5	16.38	9.8

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NATIONAL TOURISM AWARDS

Cowbridge festival wins 'best community event'

Festival Committee members Wendy Bolter, Roger Bolter, festival chairman John Davies, event organiser Polly Wilson and Sarah Kilcoyne of Effective Communication.

THE Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has been named as best community event at this year's National Tourism Awards for Wales.

The festival, which takes place this weekend (October 30-31), picked up the award at a glittering ceremony in the Vale Resort last week. Almost 400 applications were received and 53 organisations made it to the final - competing for the16 awards which were up for grabs. The winners were announced by TV presenter, Sarra Elgan. Now in its seventh year, The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival has grown from its roots as a small one-day event to a two-day culinary extravaganza.

Last year saw more than 14,000 food lovers descend on the town to sample some of the finest food and drink in Wales.

Event organiser Polly Wilson said; "The festival committee is absolutely delighted to have won such a prestigious award. Despite its growth over the years, the festival has retained the local, community elements which make it such a special and well-loved event. We're all looking forward to another fantastic weekend of food, drink and family fun this year."

The Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred Jones AM, said: "With record entries for this year's awards, the winners of each category can be very proud of their achievement.

"Being named the best in Wales is no mean feat. The dedication that these businesses show to quality and redeveloping their product to meet with consumers' needs in a difficult economic climate is to be applauded.

"The awards evening demonstrates the importance of Wales' £4 billion tourism industry to the Welsh economy and the quality of product that we have to offer our visitors. I'd like to offer my congratulations to all of tonight's winners."

This year's Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival promises the usual mix of great local produce and exhibitors, as well as exotic international fare and lively entertainment.

Visitors can explore a host of more than 75 exhibitors in the main food hall, as well as enjoying free of charge, live food demonstrations, which include workshops from some of Wales' best loved chefs..

Young foodies haven't been forgotten either. Aside from the street entertainers and live musicians who will be patrolling the streets throughout the festival, little visitors can expect plenty of entertainment at the Kid's Zone, where there will be free face painting, card making, cake decorating and pumpkin carving.

The ever-popular champagne tent brings some added sparkle to the festival and offers live music throughout the weekend.

Filco Supermarkets will sponsor the wine and cheese marquee, where festival-goers can sample award winning and predominantly Welsh cheese, complemented by fine wines.

Jamie's tour heads for town

ON Thursday, November 4 (at 3pm) popular BBC Wales television and radio presenter Jamie Owen will be making a visit to the Old Hall, Cowbridge, to give an informal talk about his latest book *Around Wales by B – Roads and Byways*.

This richly illustrated book describes a journey around Wales, from the south to the north, via footpaths, B – Roads, byways and railway tracks.

Of particular interest locally is Jamie's visit to Cardiff and Penarth as a tourist, and of course, there's a whole chapter on The Vale, taking in Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, St Hilary, Plas Llanmihangel and Old Beaupre Castle.

Jamie's presentation will be illustrated with slides and, after the talk, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Jackie Harries, who leads the Old Hall reading group, will chair the proceedings

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Tickets are £4, and this includes coffee/tea and cake and the chance to buy a signed copy of the book with a 25per cent discount.

Tickets are available from Stella Cheeseman (01446 774827), Ron O'Leary (01446 774986) or from The Old Hall.

For anyone who is unable to attend but would like to support this worthwhile cause by making a donation, make cheques payable to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research and send to Mrs S Cheeseman, 4 The Meadow, Ystradowen, Cowbridge. CF71 7TR.

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VALE BRIDGE CLUBS RESULTS

VALE of Glamorgan BC, October 18:

1st, Mary Moore and John Beard 67.71 per cent; 2nd, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 60.83; 3rd, Marion and David Stephenson 59.98; 4th, John Raymond and David Wright 57.29; 5th, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams 56.46; 6th, John Evans and Terry Reilly 55.83.

Cowbridge and District BC, October 19:

1st, Mary Thomas and John Ireson 60.71 per cent; 2nd, Teri Pollard and David Wright 59.92; 3rd, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 58.33; 4th, Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 57.54; 5th= Pam Higgs and Margaret Bancroft 52.38; 5th= Joan Bird and Pauline McAllen 52.38.

Cowbridge Area Bridge Clubs will be taking part in the Children in Need simultaneous pairs events, Monday to Thursday, November 15-18. **DW**

THE PTA HAVE AN EVENING OF FUN!

Fiona John Raffle winner with her Generation Green Solar Powered MP4 player!

PTA QUIZ NIGHT IS GIGGLES ALL ROUND!

FRIENDS of Y Bont Faen PTA held their AGM on Friday night after dark, but true to form, it lasted no longer than 10 minutes – during which time new reception mum Julie Dennis found herself voted in as the new vice-chair.

The PTA had a rather sneaky way of getting enough people to achieve a quorum for the AGM – a free quiz night and nibbles with 'Bring your own bottle'!

The quiz master, headteacher Meic Griffiths, had a tough time dealing with all the giggling going on, as some of the questions raised a few laughs.

He blamed Pete the quiz writer who could not answer for himself – being in the USA at the time! For the record, a freshwater lobster IS a crayfish and not a langoustine – as the latter lives in the ocean!

No-one got that one right, but they did all agree with each other!

During the interval, the parents were shown the Easyfundraising.org.uk site which donates commission to the school for purchases made online from many of our favourite shops, and quite a few signed up for the good cause. Christmas should be a profitable time for us – we have made £350 already.

The 'Absent Friends' team led by year-1 teacher Jill Richards won the boxes of chocolates for the highest score in the quiz. (36 points out of a possible 60). Well done.

ABOVE: Vicky Da Silva, second prize.

The raffle raised £120 and winner Fiona John took home an MP4 player and shower timer; while second and third prizes of wine were won by Vicky Da Silva and Hazel Gambling.

Thank you everyone for your loyal support and hope to see you at our 80s night on November 12. Come and reminisce.

JAYNE MORRIS

Julie Dennis, vice-chair.

The Ground Force Rotary team roars into action..!

ABOVE: GROUND FORCE ROTARY'S FAMOUS FIVE GET READY TO DIG IN!

WHEN residents at Longmeadow Court, Cowbridge appealed for help with their gardens, Rotarians came to the rescue.

The flowerbeds, having lost their summer shine, needed preparing for the winter bedding, but in double quick time, Ground Force Rotary swung into action and five able Percys set about the task.

Armed with spades and forks together with the inspirational coffee, the job was completed within the hour.

Members of the Force were Gerwyn Watkins, Phil Bradshaw, Richard Griffiths, Gerry Lloyd and Don Bell.

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The MoD site may become a 1,000-acre housing estate

SAYS EX-COUNCILLOR

by JAYNE ISAAC

A FORMER Llanmaes councillor has expressed concern that the Ministry of Defence site at St Athan will become a 1,000-acre housing estate, following news that the Defence Technical College had been scrapped.

Glyn David said he was "very disappointed" at the news last week:

"This land is government land – either Ministry of Defence or Welsh Assembly. They can give themselves planning permission for housing. They have bought all this land – they will not let it go piecemeal.

"Nobody is going to buy it at the moment, anyway.

"My fear is that we will see a massive sprawl of houses which will join St Athan to Llantwit Major and Llanmaes," he insisted.

Mr David commented that the government had bought the land at Llanmaes, needed for the northern access road and 190 houses planned for the development, which were going to be built outside of the camp.

"My fear is that the houses will still be built, because the land has been purchased and the government will want some return on it, especially at this difficult time.

"This land will not revert back to farmland – it will go for development. They will want their money back.

"We will end up with the worst of all worlds – no extra jobs but lots more people living in these houses who will also be looking for work," he predicted.

Planners check out Picketson House

VALE planners will be checking work carried out at Pickeston House by the Welsh Assembly Government to see if it breaches rules designed to protect listed buildings.

The Grade 2 listed house was bought by WAG as part of the land necessary for the Defence Technical College at St Athan.

Vale planners confirmed that some work on the house has been carried out but not completed. WAG has now submitted applications for both planning consent and 'listed building consent' to cover external work at the house.

But planning chief Rob Thomas said that certain repair work can be undertaken on listed buildings without the need to obtain permission provided it constitutes "like for like" repairs.

The council will decide whether or not the work that has been started did, or did not, require permission in advance.

'Famous Five' tackle charity bicycle ride

PICTURED: On the road for charity – Angharad, Anna, Bethan, Chloe and Sian.

FIVE big-hearted year-6 pupils from Y Bont Faen Primary school got together recently and decided that they would like to tackle a 13-mile bike ride to raise money for charity.

So, on Sunday, October 10 (*luckily a very sunny day*) the girls set off from Cowbridge and rode to Llangan and back – all in the spirit of helping others.

Angharad, Anna, Bethan, Chloe and Sian had agreed that they would like to do something that would 'make a difference' and to help others. More than £200 has been raised in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care, but the girls have raised so much money from friends and family support that other charities will also benefit.

A spokeswoman said: "A big thank you should go out to the parents who also completed the ride – Gareth, Lee and Paula! Well done to you all!

"Special thanks also go to 'Super Gran Gill Harding', who kindly provided mid-way point refreshments for the weary riders in Llangan.

"A great time was had by all and it goes to show that charity doesn't always just begin at home!"

The Llantonian Hall charity fair raises £500

MIND in the Vale of Glamorgan enjoyed a fruitful autumn fayre in Llantonian Hall on Saturday, October 23, despite the adverse weather conditions!

Volunteers worked hard to raise more than £500 by selling cupcakes and bric a brac, together with a tombola.

The local mental health charity would like to thank all the volunteers and members of the public, including the mayor who came to demonstrate their support.

Michelle Caine, chair of the executive committee for Mind in the Vale stated: "It's great to see so many of our volunteers, who are integral to running our resource centres rallying around to help raise funds for the organisation, which provides an invaluable service to the community."

Mind in the Vale has projects covering the Western Vale, Barry and Penarth, and is a charity that works with and for people who are experiencing mental distress.

For more information on Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan, telephone 01446 730792.

MENNA THOMAS

Art talk

ON Thursday November 4, at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge Art Society welcome Adrian Metcalfe who will be giving a demonstration and talk on multi-media techniques. Non-members are welcome.

FASHION WEEK IS HAILED A SUCCESS

by JAYNE ISAAC

COWBRIDGE Fashion Week has been deemed "a big success" by organisers, traders and shoppers alike.

The event, held in the town over last weekend, kicked off with a vintage tea party at The Bear, followed by the fashion parade.

This year's theme was Vintage Glamour and all the shops demonstrated their take on this season's very popular look.

The parade was led by a Marilyn Monroe look-alike in a fabulous retro car and there was also a bridal car and even a vintage bus, which featured staff of Jon Ian sticking their legs through the windows wearing fabulous shoes.

The parade also had stilt walkers and models strutting along the red carpets which were laid outside all the fashion shops.

Esther Hitchock, who was one of the organisers, said that there were good crowds along the street to watch the parade.

"There was a lovely atmosphere in town," she said. "Thankfully, the rain held off and many of the shops have been in touch to say how well it all went.

"After the parade, the shoppers went into the individual shops to enjoy a glass of champagne and some refreshments. There was also some great entertainment laid on by many of the shops."

A fashion lunch was held on Friday, also at The Bear, and this was a success, with tickets like gold dust.

On Saturday, the interior of the town hall was transformed into something resembling the venues used during London Fashion Week.

A number of shops staged their own fashion shows at hourly intervals and there was professional lighting, sound and models on a proper cat walk plus lots of enthusiastic helpers.

Each show attracted its own audience of customers and spectators.

There was music throughout and Eye Candy even hired a string quartet to provide the music for theirs.

The final event was a black tie dinner at The Bear, featuring a fashion show which also had a vintage theme and showed fashions with 1920s and 1930s themes through to more modern times.

"Some of our fashions were genuine vintage pieces which are sold by some of the shops locally, while others had outfits with a new take on the old look," said Esther.

"The whole event was very successful and we hope we will be able to make a nice donation to Ty Hafan which always gets the profits."

The organisers have decided to give next autumn a miss and instead hold Fashion Week in spring 2012, which will give a new twist to the event, as they will be able to feature spring and summer fashions for a change.

(SEE MORE PICTURES FROM THE SHOW ON PAGE 16)

School council grills minister at the Assembly

MEMBERS of Llangan School Council visited the Senedd to question Vale Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, in the public gallery overlooking the chamber.

Following a recent visit to Llangan School, Jane Hutt was keen to meet the school council and answer their questions as the Assembly's Minister for Business and Budget.

Afterwards, Ms Hutt reported: "I was so impressed when I recently visited Llangan School and met pupils and staff. They were all 'on the ball' when they came into the Assembly and asked me some very searching questions!"

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Cancer Awareness

ON my visit to Llangan Primary School on October 21, I was surprised to find headteacher, Mary Noyes, with a super new hairdo.

As each member of the teaching staff appeared, they were all seen sporting bright pink wigs, and the children were also involved, with their pink ribbons and clothes.

Their efforts were in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness Day (donations of 50 pence will go to the charity).

Llangan school is also supporting 'The Backpack Project'. Readers of The GEM can support this charity by filling a backpack, and leaving it at the school for items to be collected by the Llantwit Major Rotary Club.

Items urgently needed are good second-hand clothes, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes. 150,000 items have already been donated to the countries of Malawi, Liberia, Uganda and Romania.

London visit

WHEN the school reopens following the half-term holiday, all the junior children will visit the House of Commons and the Science Museum in Kensington. Four teachers will accompany the children.

Refuse dumped

RUBBISH is being deposited in St Canna's cemetery. Please contact church warden, John Rosser, 01446 772481, or the police, if the culprits are seen, or take the vehicle number.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

Platinum anniversary

MANY congratulations to Ken and Ruth Wall of Llanbethery, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 19.

Double loss

IT is very sad to note that two stalwarts of the community, Jeff Saxton and Geoff Burrows, have both passed away.

Their funerals, on October 20 and October 27 respectively, took place at Saint Cadoc's.

Memorial service

THERE will be a special memorial service at Saint Cadoc's on Sunday, November at 3pm, which is scheduled to become an annual event to commemorate All Souls Day.

OBITUARY

Evan Thomas Bufton

(1924 – 2010)

FAMILY, friends and neighbours attended the funeral of Mr Evan Thomas Bufton, which took place on October 8, at the Coychurch Crematorium.

Mr Bufton had lived in the village of Llangan for 30 years. Born into a close-knit family in the mining area of Bedwellty, Tredegar, he never forgot his valley roots.

He was a keen student at his local school and when he was 16 years old, gained entrance to the RAF training school at Hatton in Buckinghamshire, where he came top of his entry.

The RAF became an integral part of his life, so much so, he was still attending RAF reunions into his eighties.

Mr Bufton came from a sporting family and excelled in rugby, soccer and cricket. He played alongside Brian Statham, the England fast bowler, and was in line for a trial with Glamorgan CC when the second World War broke out. He was an active member of the Bridgend Bowls Club.

It was on a visit to Arnheim in the Netherlands that he met his future wife, Corrie and, with their children Gary and Cheryl, had lived for many happy years in Llangan. Our thoughts are with Corrie and her family at this sad time.

NANCY DAVIDGE

LLANDOW PROTESTERS CELEBRATE PLANNING DEFERMENT

A CAMPAIGN by Llandow Community Council, backed by the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, against waste management plans in the area, has been given a boost.

Mr Cairns said this week he had spoken with the Vale planning office and was told that planning officers have now decided to request further information from the applicants – "largely as a result of the campaign and demands from concerned local residents."

He thought it likely that the council will now consider the applications either in the scheduled monthly council planning meeting on November 18 or on December 16.

"This is positive news for the campaign, as it allows us more time to generate support and evidence to lodge the important objections against the plans," the MP stated.

All objections will continue to be accepted by the council up until a week prior to the planning meeting and Mr Cairns urged people to make their voices heard.

"I was pleased to hear that the planning department are making sure that as much information as possible is sought from the three different businesses proposing the developments at Llandow.

"It's essential that we understand exactly the impact of these proposals on our community – the current lack of information contained in each of the applications is appalling.

"Collectively, these applications could potentially see a huge increase in the number of HGVs thundering along roads that aren't capable of dealing with the extra traffic and weight.

"I'm particularly concerned that our aspirations for the Vale will be thwarted.

"Should the proposals be accepted, we would become known as a waste management centre for the greater south Wales area," he added.

ABOVE: The Archbishop with the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Jane Hutt AM, Canon Derek Belcher and Alun Cairns MP.

Archbishop of Wales talks about the church's role in community

ABOVE: Fr Julian Jenkins: Fr Norman Williams; James Barrett; Archbishop Dr Barry Morgan; Tom Griffiths, Simon Gooding and Canon Derek Belcher.

ARCHBISHOP Barry Morgan was greeted by a congregation of more than 180 people during his visit to Holy Cross Church on Sunday, October 17, to officiate at the All Parish Service.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion under the leadership of Mrs Anne Wright. Wardens and intercessors were provided from every one of the 11-church parish.

The music was provided by the combined choirs of St Hilary and Llanblethian, with young people from the Cowbridge Christian Youth Group providing the servers.

The parish wardens, together with our verger and floor manager, made the day a wonderful occasion. The concelebrants with the Archbishop were Canon Derek Belcher, Fr Julian Jenkins and Fr Norman Williams.

Mrs Pamela Roberts, a parish warden, said: "The ladies of the parish provided an outstanding buffet lunch for everyone under the leadership of Shena Sergeant.

"The Archbishop spoke of the "healing role of the Church" and how "we should see people as persons and respond to their needs'. The Christian community was the body of Christ on earth that should care and support one another in our various needs."

The Archbishop made himself available as a true pastor to everyone who came to the service so that they could bring any issues they wanted to his attention.

This was a wonderful occasion for the community, where we were graced by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress and our MP, Alun Cairns and AM, Jane Hutt.

Holy Cross remains open every day so that it is a beacon and refuge for all who are searching for peace and the presence of God in their lives.

We also make available a confidential counselling service either through myself or the Vale Counselling Service.

We believe that healing is at the heart of every caring community and Holy Cross is here for everyone. Our next new-look family service is on Sunday, November 21, at 10.45am in Holy Cross Church. We look forward to seeing you.

Canon Derek Belcher (Rector of Cowbridge)

COMMUNITY NEWS
ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

WICK Chapel – Dates for the diary: November 14, Remembrance Sunday, 10.45am at the Memorial (outside village hall); 11.10am at Wick Chapel.

November 28, Advent Sunday, 3pm at chapel. All are welcome.

BRITISH LEGION – Poppy Day is fast approaching (October 30), so please give generously to your local Poppy Fund.

Poppy collection boxes will be available in local shops and public houses.

A Remembrance service and laying of wreaths will be held at St Bridget's Church, St Brides Major, on Sunday, November 14, at 10.45am.

FIRE VISIT – Children of St Brides Major C/W Primary School recently had a visit from the Fire Service, complete with big red fire engine.

The children are currently doing a project on the Great Fire of London.

During the 1939/45 world war, St Brides Major had its own Fire Service (or NFS as it was then called).

CURATE – Caroline Pascoe, who was with St Bridget's All Saints and the Priory Church, on November 30 is being licensed as Tcurate of Ross-on-Wye.

A coach will be hired if enough people wish to attend, leaving St Brides Major at 5pm. If interested, please put name on sheet in church.

DIARY DATES – Sunday, October 31, All Souls Day – A Time to Remember at St Bridget's 3pm.

Thursday, November 4 – Noson Lawen at The Fox and Hounds – a Welsh evening with cawl, quiz and other entertainment and to meet guests from Sweden, Spain and Italy.

There will be a bonfire and fireworks display and best guy competition on Saturday, November 6, at The Heritage Coast House field. Bonfire lit at 5.45pm. Guy judging begins at 6pm followed by fireworks and mass sky lantern launch; admission £3 per person or £7.50 per family.

Profits to go to Southerndown Surf Lifesaving Club.

There is a service of thanksgiving for the completion of work in All Saints, Southerndown with Cantorian Illtyd choir and soloist Clare Matthews on Sunday, November 7, at 6pm.

Saturday, November 27 at 10am, Christmas fayre at the Church Hall, St Brides Major.

• *At long last, we welcome Clare Mathews as the new headteacher of St Brides Major C/W School and wish her well for the future.*

Child porn charges

by AJ SICLUNA

A BARRY man faces imprisonment for possessing pornographic images of children.

James Moore, 51, pleaded guilty before Vale Magistrates to 19 offences of making indecent images, two of possessing pornographic images, and five of possessing indecent pictures of children.

Prosecutor David Webster said the many images had to be categorised and many were at level four and five, the most serious.

Judge Neil Bidder said: "It is a clear case for custody according to sentencing guidelines."

Moore was remanded in custody for two weeks.

CANDLELIT CONCERT

ON Sunday, November 7 at 4pm, there will be a candlelit concert of vocal and instrumental music presented by the Atlantic College community in St Donats Church, in aid of the Horac Orphanage, Nepal.

Tickets (£5) will include refreshments. Telephone 01446 792797 for more information.

'Get on your bike, Officer!'

Community helps out the local PCSO

WITH her beat covering Flemingston, Eglwys Brewis, East Vale, St Athan,West Aberthaw and Gileston, Police Community Support Officer Lynda Frazier was delighted to take possession of a top of the range Carrera Subway bicycle.

It was sponsored by St Athan Community Council, Steve Jenkins, Londis Stores, Christine Campbell, St Athan Pharmacy and Travis Ellis of Tathan Discount Stores.

The bicycle was supplied by Halfords' Waterfront store in Barry, and was fully decked out in police livery. The bike was handed over by council chairman Steve Haines to Lynda at the church gates in the centre of the village on October 21 (See picture left).

Lynda said that with the extra mode of transport, she would be able to respond to the community much quicker and more effectively than before.

She thanked the council and the local traders for their generosity.

Sgt Nick Kihlberg welcomed the addition to the police armoury which he said would give the residents of the area the extra confidence in the police ability to respond, and make their presence felt.

Stagecoach children take to catwalk as models for Cowbridge Fashion Week

IN a first for Cowbridge Fashion Week, specialist children's clothes shop Scallywags and shoe shop Liquorice Laces took part in the fashion shows.

Modelling for them were 20 children from Stagecoach Theatre Arts. Principal Helene Reynolds said: "I was delighted when Nikki from Liquorice Laces phoned to invite Stagecoach students to model as part of fashion week.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for the children and they responded like true professionals as they performed up and down the catwalk! They loved the experience of being fitted in beautiful clothes and shoes, and having their hair done by experts at Fich and Ramous".

Nikki from Liquorice Laces commented: "The children did such an amazing job on the catwalk. Helene and Rob at Stagecoach were fantastic and spun on a sixpence to create such a great show.

"Judging by the fantastic applause, I'm sure the audience would agree the kids rocked it!!

"We really enjoyed collaborating with other great local businesses. As a newly opened kids shoe shop in Cowbridge, we couldn't have asked for a better opportunity to show off our lovely range of boots, shoes and PJs!"

Yanna from Scallywags said: "Everything seems so quiet and dull today after last week's excitement! I lost count of the number compliments received on the High Street after Saturday's show, and they continued at the dinner in the evening - not only for the clothing but the models too.

"I would like to thank Helene and Rob Reynolds from Stagecoach for their work and time, and many congratulations go to all the wonderful children."

Successful coffee morning for charity

FRIENDS and Neighbours held a successful coffee morning at the senior health shop in Barry recently.

This was their first fundraising event. Proceeds are for the benefit of the clients' Christmas party and visit to the pantomime.

The coffee morning raised £155. The group meet at the senior health shop monthly.

The last meeting included a gentle session of chair exercises to music, followed by tea/coffee and cakes. **GF**

A very busy year for the Samaritans' volunteers

IT has been a challenging year for what surely must be (at just five members!) the smallest Samaritans fundraising group - and now the only group to directly support the Bridgend branch of Samaritans.

Even though our famous 'pudding evening' had to be postponed, we enjoyed a fabulous 'fun day' in the summer (our grateful thanks to Byron and the Lions for their support).

We are also grateful to donations from the Transition Town group. Along with other donations and smaller events we were delighted to be able to hand over a cheque for £795!

Thanks to Coach Company Creigiau Travel, we have been able to book our annual trip to Bath – and also keep our ticket price to £15. This year the date is slightly later – Saturday, December 4, to take advantage of Bath Christmas Market and also the 'Diana Dresses' exhibition at Bath Fashion Museum.

We pick up and drop off in both Llantwit and Cowbridge – contact Julie on 01446 796471 for tickets and details.

The group will be carol singing in December. All ages, and singing ability are welcome – all you need is a lantern or torch and a Santa hat!

Why do we fundraise for Samaritans? Consider the following quote from a Samaritans caller:

"*I spent three hours on the phone last night telling a complete stranger about my depression, anxiety and suicidal feelings. I'd never told anyone before.*

"*Today I feel like a different person. My troubles have not gone, but a problem shared has been a problem halved. Thank you.*"

This quote is from a real person – and the result was made possible by a donation of just two hours of someone's time.

Julie
(Llantwit Major Friends of the Bridgend Samaritans)

MIZ AND MIZANUR CELEBRATE WEDDING

ABOVE: The proprietor of the popular Llantwit Major restaurant The Coconut Tree, Miz Rahmann, is pictured here with his new bride Mizanur. The couple were married in Bangladesh on October 15, and after a honeymoon will be returning to family and friends in the Vale in early December.

Courtenay's Miss World bid

Miss Wales 2010 Courtenay Hamilton, who is from St Donat's, came second in the Miss World talent round.

Had she won, she would have been guaranteed a place in the top 15 of the Miss World final which takes place this Saturday, October 30, in China. Courtenay's operatic performance just out lost to Miss Ireland who played the violin.

There are still hopes Courtenay will do well at the final which is being broadcast at 1pm (BST) on Sky channel 281.

Vale Magistrates Court...

A senior judge says proposal to close it should be reviewed

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

THERE is more than a glimmer of hope for the future of the Vale Magistrates Court, which is based in Thompson Street, Barry, and has been under threat of closure.

A report from the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Judge, has recommended that proposals to close the court should be reviewed.

Earlier this year, on June 23, a Ministry of Justice consultation paper was published recommending closure and proposing that cases be heard in Cardiff instead.

Plaid Cymru's Leanne Wood and Chris Franks claimed the report from the Lord Chief Justice endorsed their opposition to Coalition plans to axe Welsh courts.

Of the 15 courts earmarked for closure in Wales by the Coalition, Lord Judge said five should remain open and a further six should be reviewed.

In the case of the Vale Magistrates Court, he said: "It is not clear whether Cardiff would cope with the additional workload if there were to be any modest change in crime levels.

"A considerable amount of work (costing £1.9million as I understand it) has been undertaken in recent years to provide a court with good facilities and it is difficult to see how the high maintenance backlog figures have been calculated."

Leanne Wood said: "Right from the start, we said Ken Clarke's plans were ill-conceived and gave little or no consideration to the communities affected.

"This knock-back from the senior presiding judge must be a source of major embarrassment to the Coalition, as it shows the folly and haste of their austerity agenda."

She added: "The closures will only see travelling expenses spiralling and higher costs are bound to be incurred by delays in hearing cases as a result of these changes.

"These closures will save a mere £40 million – much more risks being lost by trying to administer justice on the cheap."

Mr Franks said: "This report backs up what Plaid Cymru said in the consultation on the court closures. The Ministry of Justice cannot ignore the increasing evidence that to close the court at Barry would be ill-judged and mistaken."

The Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt said she welcomed the intervention of the most senior judge in the land.

"I have made the case, backed by a 1,000 strong petition, for the reprieve of the Vale Magistrates Court which serves both rural communities and the largest town in Wales, which has areas of deprivation." Vale MP, Alun Cairns, said that in the light of a possible review, he would be making further representations on behalf of the court in Barry.

"I have asked to meet Jonathan Djanogly, the Minister responsible, to press the case again for the Vale Magistrates Court in light of the view from Lord Judge.

"I believe that in spite of the need for savings, Barry has a strong case.

"To argue that Cardiff is only seven miles away, misses the point on local justice."

FRIENDS SAY 'THANK YOU'

A 'big thank you' to all who supported us in the Bryneithin Christmas table top sale.

We sold 23 tables and were also lucky enough to have the support of both Jane Hutt, Assembly Member for Business and Budget, and Richard Bertin, independent councillor for Court ward.

We very much appreciate the fact that they took time out of their busy schedules to support the Friends of Bryneithin in their quest to raise money for the residents of Bryneithin EMI residential home.

We raised £220 and this money will go towards treats, such as entertainment, trips out and some Christmas presents.

We will also be raising money in the new year for much-needed sensory equipment.

Margo Farbrace,
Friends of Bryneithin

Fraternal Forester Doug is praised for his years of service

ABOVE, LEFT: Doug celebrates the award with his family. during his 85th birthday week-end,

THE Foresters International Fraternal president's award was created to recognise members who, through commitment over the years or through a major one-time act, exemplify the true meaning of fraternalism and this year, this award has been presented to Doug Provis of Barry.

Doug has been an active Forester for more than 30 years and has demonstrated extraordinary service to others.

Foresters is an international membership organisation which has operated in the UK, US and Canada for more than 135 years. Last year its worldwide charity work involved nearly one million hours of community involvement, with Foresters members and employees assisting more than 400 charities.

In addition to Foresters, Doug is an active volunteer with other organisations and has helped immensely with their projects and fund raising.

He joined the Boys Brigade in 1938 and rose to the positions of lieutenant and captain.

He was a founding member of the Barry Air Training Corps and has been a blood donor chairman of his branch for more than 30 years.

Doug is also heavily involved in fund raising for the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

His commitment to the Cadoxton Community Centre is also very much valued; over the years, he has been treasurer, major key holder, caretaker and booking officer.

Doug's award was presented at the Western England and Wales Regional Ball held recently in Swindon to a standing ovation by his peers.

Three generations of his family were also there to see Doug, who was also celebrating his 85th birthday that weekend, receive his award in what was a very emotional ceremony.

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TV presenter and top rugby coach to join SCATS family fun day

WALES rugby head coach, Warren Gatland, and BBC's *Countryfile* presenter, Julia Bradbury, will join customers from 10am – 4pm this Saturday (October 30) at the new SCATS Farm and Country store in Bridgend – for a fun-packed open day.

Julia will be giving talks on her love of the countryside and recent adventures around the country, as well as signing autographs and taking part in the day's activities.

She commented: "I'm really excited to be joining customers and colleagues to celebrate the opening of SCATS Farm and Country in Bridgend on Saturday. It's sure to be a fun day for the whole family."

Warren Gatland will also be there to give a short talk followed by a question and answer session, as well as signing autographs and greeting fans.

Highlights throughout the day include two performances by Kath Hardman and her incredible dancing dog Spice, International Winner of Crufts Freestyle. Kath will also be on hand to provide tips on dog training for SCAT'S customers throughout the day.

Accomplished and well-respected sheepdog handler, Meirion Owen will showcase the amazing talents of border collies and the communication between handler and dog with his 'Quack Pack' sheep dog and Indian Runner duck demonstrations.

Customers will also be able to enjoy regional food and drink tastings from local Bridgend suppliers as well as special open day offers.

Justin Lewis, SCATS Farm & Country Store Manager said: "We're really looking forward to this fantastic open day event which promises to be exciting, entertaining and informative.

"We really hope that local people in and around Bridgend come to our grand opening event where they'll be able to learn more about the ranges of products and services we offer as well as meeting our special guests Julia Bradbury and Warren Gatland."

SCATS Farm & Country Bridgend will be its first store in Wales and its 20th store within its portfolio and is located with a prominent position on the Brackla Industrial Estate in Bridgend with easy access from Junction 36 of the M4.

ABOVE: Join Julia Bradbury at the opening of Scats this Saturday.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Why Metrix was not the right option for St Athan'

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

LAST WEEK, we received the announcement that the Metrix proposal for a Defence Technical College in St Athan has been cancelled.

Many people made inaccurate statements in response, and having discussed the matter with the Prime Minister and met the Secretary of State for Defence, I want to use this opportunity to explain the reality and how St Athan is still in the game.

Last week, the Secretary of State for Defence, Liam Fox, cancelled Metrix's proposal for defence training in St Athan. They had proposed a 30-year PFI contract. It is clear that the Ministry of Defence and some people in general had concerns on two grounds.

The PFI proposal was very expensive and the 30-year time period was considered by some to be too inflexible.

First, there are many national Audit Office reports citing the risks of the private finance initiative and the need for certainty in negotiating the contracts. Unless the details are agreed specifically, then there can be a heavy risk to the taxpayer.

Secondly, the activities and needs of the armed forces have changed significantly over the last 30 years and it is predicted that the changes will be even greater over the next 30 years, naturally creating uncertainty in negotiating details.

Bringing these facts together highlight the risks of the proposal inherited from the last government.

I am also advised that if the project was cancelled this week, as opposed to last week, there would have been further costs of tens of millions of pounds to the taxpayer. This is reminiscent of the agreement that cancelling the Navy's aircraft carrier would be more expensive than building it. This demonstrates the type of contracts that were inherited by the government.

I met the Secretary of State for Defence last week, the Prime Minister this week and have further meetings scheduled with Liam Fox over the coming weeks. From such discussions, it is clear that although Metrix was not viable, St Athan remains the preferred solution. I will know over the coming weeks what sort of options there are for St Athan.

Will it still be a PFI solution or could it be run by the MoD? What sort of training will take place and on what type of scale?

Locally, this gives us an opportunity to better influence the plan for the site and the surrounding villages. Although there was general support for the proposal, many had local concerns that still needed to be addressed.

I am passionate about bringing the Defence College to St Athan. I am wed to the community but not to the developer, Metrix.

This is our opportunity to gain a defence training solution that we can all live with, in practice and financially. Over the coming weeks, I am organising meetings with local people and businesses and would welcome input.

Please get in touch so that we can champion not only the St Athan site, but also reflect community needs and concerns.

Alun Cairns MP will hold a public drop-in session from 3.30pm-5pm tomorrow (October 29) at the Gathering Place, St Athan. Call 01446 403814 for details

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'Cheeky' Tobias still smiling as town plans an Island fundraiser

RIGHT: Tobias likes to go up as high as possible on the tilt table so he can get a good view of what is going on in the ward.

YOUNG Tobias Lunnon's rehabilitation is going well, his mother Fiona has told The GEM

Over the last few weeks, people in Barry and the rest of the Vale have taken the brave six-year-old to their hearts as he struggles to come to terms with being paralysed following a road accident.

Fiona, who has remained at his beside at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge for almost three months now, told The GEM: "Tobias is progressing slowly, and has his good days and not so good.

"However, his rehabilitation is going well and he has just started going on the tilt table to get some weight bearing through his legs to help with bone density. You can see this happening in the picture I have sent.

"He even asked to go up further so that he could see more of the ward! He spends more time in the chair now, although he finds it tiring, and he will need a spinal jacket to help with his posture.

"Through all this, he has still retained his sense of fun, asking for Halloween spiders on his bed to frighten the nurses, and pretending that he needs suction on his lungs because he can't breathe, only to start laughing when I call a nurse.

"He still has his cheeky smile and as I say he is still totally Tobias."

A big fundraising event for Tobias is taking place at Cafe Continental on Barry Island on November 13. To purchase tickets or to make a donation, please contact Tracey on 01446 735175, or pop into Steve Nicholls Estate Agents at 15 High Street, Barry, CF62 7EB. Cheques should be made payable to Tobias Lunnon.

AM calls for public to get involved in NHS consultation

Regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, has called on local residents to "make their views heard" in the forthcoming public consultation over plans to reform health services in the area.

Members of the public will have a chance to have their say over the controversial proposed closures of Rookwood Hospital and the midwife-led maternity unit at Llandough Hospital.

There will be an eight-week consultation period during which members of the public will have the chance to give feedback, though this will not include the proposed reforms of mental health in the area.

Mr Davies, who is the Shadow Minister for Health, met in August with representatives of the Cardiff & Vale health board to discuss the proposed changes to the maternity services currently delivered at Llandough Hospital.

During the meeting, he raised strong reservations over the suitability of the proposed closure.

The six-bed maternity unit at Llandough Hospital has been open for just five years with, on average, one woman giving birth there per day.

There have been concerns expressed by local residents that the closure could lead to expectant mothers having to travel across the region to the Heath Hospital in Cardiff.

"The most important thing now is that people's views are made known to the Health Board before this consultation is closed.

There will be public meetings across the Vale. However, once the consultation is closed on December 10, it will be too late," he warned.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board have released plans for improving services and reducing duplication of provision in a document, 'Making a Difference'.

This can be viewed online at www.cardiffandvaleulhb.wales.nhs

WICK BONFIRE NIGHT

THIS year's fireworks night in Wick is organised by the Friends Association of Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School, and is sponsored by Watts and Morgan.

The event is on Thursday, November 4 on the sports field at 6.30pm. Burgers, hotdogs, hot drinks and toffee apples will be available. The youth club will also be running a sweet shop.

No sparklers allowed but glowsticks will be on sale. No parking on the field (£5 entry per family, £1.50 per adult, £1 per child).

All profits will go towards the outdoor classroom for Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School.

From left (standing): Jackie Byrne, Tony Rossetti, Tracey Gimlett, Glen Hall, Bryan Foley, Ford Brazel, seated, Jane Hutt AM (the patron of Barry First Responders) also group president, Cieran Thomas. The three boys are Jackie's triplets – from left, Charlie, Harry and Jake!

FIRST RESPONDERS SET THE STANDARD

BARRY'S VOLUNTEERS ARE WALES' BUSIEST!

BARRY First Responders have just helped their 2,000th person in their hour of need – the first group in Wales to do so.

As a result, they've had their praises sung by their patron, Vale AM Jane Hutt.

Jane Hutt said: "This puts the pioneering Barry scheme in first place for their commitment to serving the community and supporting the Welsh Ambulance Trust crew, who are on the front line of professional public service."

First Responder groups form a Wales-wide network of volunteers ready, willing and able to fill those precious seconds ahead of the arrival of an ambulance with expert treatment.

The groups are equipped with defibrillators – electric shock machines – and with oxygen equipment and are trained in emergency resuscitation techniques.

The Barry group is the largest and busiest in the whole of Wales and since forming in October 2004 with 10 people, it now has 28 volunteers.

Jackie Byrne, 43, is mum to triplets, Harry, Jake and Charlie, eight, and runs a mortgage company with her husband Martin. She has been with the group for two years and was inspired to join up after she lost her own mother, Ella.

She said: "My mum passed away. She had a heart attack but she died by herself and I found that very difficult to deal with. It made me want to become a first responder so other people wouldn't have to be on their own."

She added: "If I can just bring a bit of help, support or comfort to someone when they are scared and in pain then that is why I joined."

Jackie said a lot of her call outs have been to elderly people who have suffered a fall and simply appreciate someone being there until the ambulance arrives.

Glenn Hall, 51, a Captain in the army, attended his first call as a Barry first responder at the beginning of the year. He makes himself available to the group whenever he is not at work, sometimes clocking up to 140 hours a week on call, often deep into the night.

He agreed with Jackie and said: "In a lot of cases when you go to calls, it is not about how we can treat them but how we can reassure the patient and their families until the ambulance arrives."

Glen, a father to Jennifer, four, added: "Shock kills a lot of people and just by keeping them warm and by having that person there to hold their hand can often be enough until the ambulance crew get there."

However, sometimes responders are called upon to act fast and only in the last week, members of the group saved two people who had gone into cardiac arrest.

Tony Rossetti, Welsh Ambulance Service regional first responder officer for south-east Wales, said Barry First Responders were the largest and busiest group in Wales and the 2,000th call-out was testament to the group's dedication and hard work.

He said: "They set the standard and we often refer to the Barry group as an example of how it should be done."

Jackie Byrne said: "Anyone who is considering it should just 'go for it'."

There is an active recruitment campaign for First Responders in the Vale and anyone interested can email tony.rossetti@ambulance.wales.nhs.uk or contact Bryan Foley on 07779 658331 or go to www.vale-responders-wales.org.uk.

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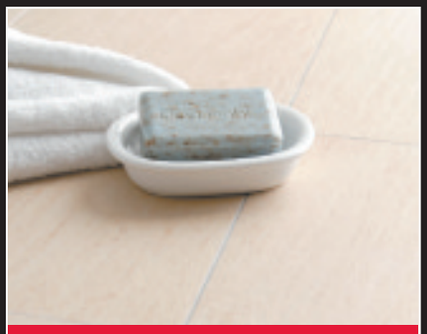

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It is open to singers and instrumentalists between the ages of eight and 21 on September 1.

There are three age categories – junior, intermediate and senior and there is no grade restriction.

There are also open ensemble classes for singers and instrumentalists.

Preliminary auditions and selection of finalists take place during the morning and afternoon of each day and a maximum of four competitors in each category go through to the final competition, which takes the form of a free public concert at 7pm on the same evening.

Full details and entry forms are available on the web site at www.musicinthevale.org.uk.

Closing date for entries is November 5.

'Rude TV show was insulting…'

THE Sunday, October 10 performance of Andy Parsons' *Britain's got idiots* at the Lyric Theatre, London, broadcast by BBC 2, was the most filthy-mouthed performance I have ever seen.

It was insulting to the audience, the viewers, and the establishment. The BBC has sunk to a new low.

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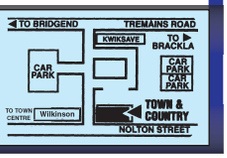

BARRY RFC

'A popular community meeting point since 1887'

BARRY RFC – ONE OF THE TOWN'S GREAT SPORTING INSTITUTIONS

by TIM CHAPMAN

RUGBY clubs in Wales, along with churches and pubs, have been one of the great community meeting points.

In Barry it is no different – in fact, Barry RFC has been serving the town since 1887.

'Serving' is not too strong a word when you consider the huge amount the club offers the town in terms of lifestyle, camaraderie and friendship.

John Williams, the treasurer, explained that there are weekends when up to 300 people play the game thanks to the organisation of the committee and commitment of the coaches.

"The club has a first and second fifteen, and in the last couple of weeks has started a third fifteen. There's also the veterans' team and the ladies' team.

"We have a youth team and age range teams all the way down to under-8s. On Sunday there are often between 150 and 200 youngsters taking part in rugby matches."

Training facilities for the club's leading players are high quality too – the floodlit astroturf at Bryn Hafren School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings providing an excellent surface even in the worst weather.

John said that two of the most important things about the club were that it offered players of all abilities the chance to get involved in the game and provided a friendly, social atmosphere.

"We are more than happy to welcome players of all standards and ages if they want to come along and take part in a game. If people want to join the membership they are more than welcome too."

John's association with the club began as a player and developed over the years. He was great friends with club legend Dai James.

"We went to school together. Dai played for the school and club, and became one of the youngest club secretaries in Wales, eventually becoming the longest serving at 36 years. Sadly, he died two years ago, but he is still remembered fondly, and when the club lounge has been refurbished, we will be naming it after him."

In fact, it was thanks to Dai that John's involvement with the club wasn't severed when John went down to west Wales to work for Lloyds bank and retired there.

"Dai always kept inn touch and when my wife died I started coming up to the club."

During trips back, John met Lyn, his partner, whose late husband John Sadler was one of the club's great stalwarts. It gave him the incentive to return home – Dai then talked him into being the club's treasurer for good measure!

The standard bearers of Barry RFC are the first fifteen who had a successful campaign in 2009-10.

"Last season we were champions of Division 5, and now we've moved up to Division 4 South East. The standard is obviously higher and we hope to consolidate this season and make another drive forward next season.

"In the south-east division, our furthest trip away would be somewhere like Treherbert – which means it is not a great distance and people can get back in time to spend an evening in the bar.

"We book a coach for the players and there's often enough room for supporters too. We often take such a good number that we can outnumber the home support!"

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ABOVE:
Barry Rugby Football Club's first XV, pictured before the match last Saturday.

A message from Barry Rugby Club's chairman

ON behalf of Barry Rugby Club, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everybody attending Barry's matches.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate all the players, coaches and everyone behind the scenes, who made last season such a success and are working so hard this season.

We embarked on the new season in Division Four with our coaches, Andrew Prosser and Darren Gibbon at the helm again. I wish them, the players and captain, Chris Cummings, all the best for our drive towards Division Three.

A lot has taken place at Barry Rugby Club over the past couple of seasons and it would not have been possible without the financial help of our patrons and sponsors, so may I take this opportunity to thank them all for their continued support.

As a club we wish to say a big 'thank you' to the Welsh Rugby Union Charitable Trust for the grant money awarded to Barry RFC.

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BARRY RFC

Club offers opportunities to all abilities and ages

RIGHT: The clubhouse has benefited from WRU grants to improve facilities for the local community.

ABOVE: The clubhouse is always busy on a Saturday evening, whether teams have been playing home or away.

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One of the club's great traditions is also being revived.

John explained: "For many years, the club went up to North Berwick when Wales was playing Scotland – they came down when Scotland was playing in Cardiff.

"In the end the arrangement fell away, but we are starting it again this season and people can make the trip with us."

Locals should also be aware that for a one-off £5 fee they can use the bar throughout the year, and that the clubhouse can be hired out for special events.

The smooth running of the club would not be possible without the back up of regular sponsors Pinit Building Services, Lyndon Scaffolding, Global Ltd and Wavin Ltd.

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Air sea rescue protest is all set for Sunday

REST BAY is the venue for a south Wales-wide protest against cuts in the air-sea rescue helicopter service.

This Sunday (October 31) protesters will gather at 3pm to argue against making the helicopter service from RAF Chivenor available during daylight hours only.

Active in the campaign has been Coun Sean Aspey of Porthcawl Town Council, who recently told The GEM he was expecting delegations from town councils from Penarth to west of Swansea.

ABOVE and BELOW; These images were taken last May during a combined RNLI and RAF exercise at Porthcawl, with a Sea King 3A Helicopter from RAF Chivenor in Devon. (PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEITH E MORGAN).

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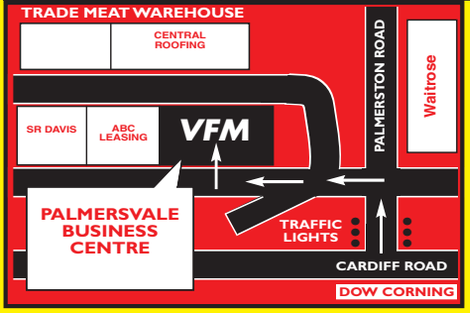

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The annual event, which has enthralled so many over the years, is yet again being staged on Barry Island.

Ceri Griffiths, president of Barry Rotary Club, said: "By agreement with Welsh-based fireworks company, Pendragon, this year's display should be even better than in previous years, so why not come along and enjoy yourselves in what promises to be a great evening of fun, fireworks, and music?

"The fireworks start at 7.45pm, but to avoid the last minute rush, we suggest arriving as early as 6pm – there will be a fairground to enjoy before the main event.

"As usual, there will be novelty stalls and bucket collections.

"All the proceeds go towards paying for the event itself, and supporting the charitable works that Rotary does in and outside the community. So please be generous."

The club is again grateful to their sponsors without whom the display would not be possible: the Vale Council and Barry Town Council, ABP, Centrica, Arbuthnot Opticians, and the Barry Island traders.

Once more the club's sincere apologies go to the residents of Barry Island for the inconvenience caused during the short road closure period (5.30pm – 9.30pm) but most should be able to gain access to their homes without too much inconvenience.

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Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
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Schedule 2

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 5th November 2010	Westward Rise, Porth-Y-Castell, Bron A Welon, Tan-Y-Fron, Min-Y-Mo'r, Pen-Y-Bryn, Marine Drive, Trem-Y-Don, Swn-Y-Mor, Cliff Wood View and Bull Cliff Walk.	5.00pm-9.00pm

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Pupils get the chance to quiz the local politicians

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRADLEY SIMPKINS

BARRY Comprehensive School pupils were fully informed and ready to cast their votes in the Vale Youth Champion elections – following a visit by the candidates and the V-POD during Local Democracy Week.

The V-POD is a single-decker bus specially converted to deliver activities and services for young people in the Vale.

This multimedia entertainment and education centre on wheels has been developed by the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Service and is packed with high tech gear including i-mac computers, internet, Xbox, PS3s, Wii, DJ mixing decks, surround sound, plasma screens, disco lighting, chill out area and much more!

The V-POD used its multimedia capabilities to inform Barry Comprehensive voters about the Vale councillors standing for election as their youth champion.

Later in the day, councillors joined the young voters on the V-POD to discuss the issues and answer questions.

Congratulations go to Coun Chris Elmore. who was later elected as the Vale Youth Champion.

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ST RICHARD GWYN'S 'OPENING NIGHT' IS VOTED HUGE SUCCESS

PICTURED LEFT: Councillor and Mrs Osborne (Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan Council), Jane Hutt AM, Mr H Owen (deputy headteacher) and Mr Paul Burke (chair of governors).

THE opening night of the 'Little Shop of Horrors' production at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School on October 20, was a huge success.

The performance was attended by Jane Hutt AM and the Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale.

Life in Sierra Leone

STUDENTS at Barry College will get a direct link to life on the streets of Sierra Leone by supporting a new global charity.

'Street to Street' connects students with street youth in Sierra Leone via video or email.

"Colleges normally pick local charities to support," Barry College general education lecturer Heather Pennington said.

"As a college, we thought it would be nice to support a global charity as well – it's a small charity with no hidden agenda. It's like a modern-day pen pal exchange."

Students will be able to form a group to film three or four videos which will be sent to Sierra Leone.

The youngsters from Freetown, who include former child soldiers, orphans and the homeless, will then reply via short films of their own.

What's occurin' with this mural?!

ABOVE: The pupils show off the mural to the AM.

Pupils' TV tribute at Barry train station

THANKS to the talents and inspiration of Romilly School staff and pupils, a new 'Gavin and Stacey' mural has been unveiled at Barry Town Station.

Following the success of their mural at the front of the station ,featuring Vale sports champions Nicole Cooke and David Davies, both now competing at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, the staff at Romilly School have excelled themselves again with a new mural on the platform.

Pupils designed and painted the mural, following research they undertook about the famous 'Gavin and Stacey' TV series.

Jane Hutt AM said: "Thanks to Romilly teacher, Fiona Rodgers and her colleagues, Barry town station is well cared for by Romilly School pupils.

"It was great to meet the pupils, station manager and Arriva trains managers as well as parents, volunteers and friends.

"Some of the stars of the 'Gavin and Stacey' TV series were there as well, including Marco from his world famous cafe!

"Thanks also to Travellers in MIND for opening up their station cafe for refreshments and also for the displays of the children's work as they undertook this excellent mural project. Don't miss it next time you are down at the station!"

Spooky goings-on at Palmerston School!

THESE pictures were taken at the Palmerston Primary School PTA's recent Halloween disco.

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As clocks go back, make sure your home is secure for winter

AS this is National Home Security Week and the clocks are going back this weekend – officially signalling the start of British winter-time – now is the ideal time to review the security of your property.

It's important to make sure that preventative measures are in place to avoid becoming a victim of burglary.

As the shortened days give potential burglars an extended cover of darkness in which to commit break-ins, now especially is the ideal time to assess your home security and make any necessary changes.

Here are some tips to make your home safer:

● Front and back doors must be secure. If replacing locks, choose those that conform to British Standard 3621 or with a minimum of five levers – the better the lock, the harder it will be for an intruder to make their way in.

● Consider fixing a chain or bar to your front and rear doors, if you don't already have them.

● Solid timber doors are the safest, as opposed to weak hollow-core doors.

● Don't leave keys in shelves or on tables near the door – burglars will often reach through the letterbox.

● Around a third of burglars get in through the windows; if you don't already have window locks, think about fitting them – especially for windows that are easily accessible or close to ground level.

● Never leave a spare set of keys outside, burglars know all the hiding spots. Instead, leave keys with a trusted friend.

● Lock your side gate to prevent easy access to the back of your house where burglars will be out of sight from the street.

● Make sure you have a lock on garden sheds, particularly if they contain garden tools, as these could help burglars gain entry to the property.

● Outdoor lighting can give burglars fewer places to hide. It is best to use high-efficiency and low energy lighting.

● Intruder alarms can be a good way of protecting your home. Ensure that they are always activated when the home is unoccupied.

● Make sure your home contents insurance is up-to-date, and that you're insured for the correct amount. Many insurers require a notification of high-value items in the home.

With winter on the way, it is wise to start thinking about where you will get heating fuel – from oil, coal or logs, so you don't run short in bad weather.

Alarms from Age Concern will help keep you safe...

AS the clocks go back and the nights start drawing in, Age Concern is urging people in later life in the Vale and Bridgend to take extra care in their homes this winter.

Lorna Lewis, of Age Concern, commented: "During the colder and darker winter months, we are reminding those who feel they need additional peace of mind that a personal alarm system can make them feel safer."

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'Save Our Cinema' group plans day at the Welsh Assembly

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

THE Save Our Cinema Association is to present its petition to the National Assembly in November, arguing that the Theatre Royal should be preserved for local entertainment.

The chairman of SOCA, Mr Bob Armstrong, said he believed the campaign group's case was more likely to be heard at the Assembly than at the Vale Council.

Mr Armstrong said: "Jane Hutt, the Vale's Assembly Member and SOCA members Paul Sutton and Wendy Marsh will make the presentation to the petitions committee.

"We have both a hard copy petition and an on-line petition which we will present, along with the original petition which was started after the cinema closed down and numbered more than 10,000 names.

"I think we will get a proper hearing there.

"The Vale Council don't consider us at all, and are ignoring us."

Making a presentation to the petitions committee has produced benefits for Barry before.

Three years ago, Pride in Barry made a formal presentation, making its case for public funding, and this week there has been an announcement on five local projects that will benefit from Welsh Assembly grants.

The cinema group want the Extra Care facility proposed by Hafod Care, which includes 42 flats, to be located at the Waterfront rather than on the site of the Theatre Royal. Mr Armstrong said: "We would still like people to lobby their councillors, not just in Barry, but across the Vale too.

"Although the Theatre Royal is in Barry, people throughout the Vale are also concerned that we don't have a cinema in the area.

"It's time councillors listened to what their electors are telling them. A lot of people think this is all over, but it isn't."

Mr Armstrong pointed out that the cinema had closed, the driving test centre had retreated to Cardiff, the future of the Vale Magistrates Court was hanging in the balance and Metrix had stalled.

"It is worrying and seems to be a trend. Where is the investment? It seems we are pushing jobs out of the Vale."

The Vale Council chose not to make a comment at this stage.

BEACH LITTER PICK

THE newly-formed environmental group 'Friends of Barry Beaches' will hold their second monthly litter pick at Porthkerry beach on Sunday, October 31; meeting by Porthkerry café at 3pm.

Gloves and litter picking equipment will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy boots or shoes. *All children under-14 must be accompanied by an adult*

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Members looking forward to festive shopping

NEWS FROM BARRY WI

OCTOBER was another busy month with all the usual meetings taking place.

Our evening meeting was our annual meeting where voting took place to elect a new president.

There were 13 members listed on the committee, but once again the members voted for June Davies to be president.

The committee then elected Sandra Jodrell treasurer and Jeanette Chilcott as secretary.

The rest of the committee will be given various positions at the next committee meeting.

On November 24, the ladies are going on a Christmas shopping trip to Swindon.

For further details of future events and meeting times, contact the secretary on 01446 410139.

Labour group leader on council hits out at 'savage cuts'

St Athan: 'body blow to the area'

IT is clear that recent cuts by the ConDem Government only reiterate the points Labour made during the general election.

Neither the Conservatives nor the Liberal Democrats can be relied upon to keep their promises. They should be condemned by everyone, and especially the ones they conned with their false promises.

It is an absolute travesty that the ConDem Coalition Government have taken such draconian budgetary measures and decided to axe the Metrix development at MoD St Athan, after making promises at the election that it was safe.

This decision will mean that the intended economic impact of the Metrix development will be a body blow to the Vale and its surrounding areas. It means that once again all the work that has been undertaken, not to mention the time and cost of that work, has been lost for no benefit.

If this does not now happen it means that even more people will be out of work and the impact on local businesses will be devastating.

The Vale Labour group on the Vale Council are also absolutely disgusted at the way in which the Coalition ConDem Government have made such savage cuts which will affect those least able to afford them.

But it comes as no surprise they care little about the rest of us. After all, there were 23 millionaires in the Coalition ConDem cabinet and the Lib Dems are just as wealthy as the Tories, so why should they care about the cuts they make. It will not affect them in the slightest!

It is clear that nothing is safe in their hands. They have made savage cuts in the public sector, which is the major employer in the Vale.

They have scrapped the St Athan development, scrapped the barrage, closed the passport offices, and it is clear that the Vale Magistrates Court in Barry will be next on their hit list.

This ConDem Government should be condemned by everyone. They care nothing about the loss of jobs, the misery they will cause, or the effect on the people and families here in the Vale and Wales.

Coun Neil Moore
(Labour group leader, Vale Council)

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Red light doesn't spell danger – more like an average action-comedy!

SINCE Bryan Singer resuscitated the comic book movie with *X-Men* in 2000, Hollywood has been more than willing to visit the well of characters – with the likes of Superman, Batman, Iron Man and Daredevil (to name but four).

There has also been an interest in the world of graphic novels, with properties such as *A History of Violence*, *American Splendour* and *The Losers* (again, to name but three) being transferred from page to screen.

The latest graphic novel to make its way to screens is *Red*, based on a graphic novel by Warren Ellis and Cully Hamner. It stars Bruce Willis as Frank Moses, a retired black-ops agent, whose idyllic post-CIA life is threatened when he is attacked for no apparent reason.

Along with former CIA comrades Joe (Morgan Freeman), Marvin (John Malkovich) and Victoria (Helen Mirren), the four of them, together with Sarah (Mary-Louise Parker), Frank's pension provider and possible girlfriend, must battle their way across America to find out why they have been targeted.

However, agent William Cooper (Karl Urban) is also on their tail, and it is his job to silence them permanently...Just take a look at the cast list mentioned above – Bruce Willis; John Malkovich; Morgan Freeman; Helen Mirren (plus two talented performers in Karl Urban and Mary-Louise Parker) – there is no way that *Red* could be anything but absolutely thrilling, right?

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

Well, partly so, because the film itself is far less than the sum of its not inconsequential parts; and while entertaining and enjoyable, it is ultimately far too slight and inconsequential to leave much of a lasting impression.

Narratively and tonally, we are on familiar territory here, the film, no doubt unintentionally, stepping on ground already trampled over by the one-two punch of *The A-Team* and *The Losers*, the men (and in this case woman) on a mission story suffering from over-exposure.

However, like those two films, it is undeniably entertaining but punches well below its weight; and that's bearing in mind that the cast of *Red* is by far superior to the casts offered by those other two films.

That is one of *Red's* problems, that the main stars, while all more than serviceable, don't really stretch themselves in any way. Bruce Willis is a very good actor, and the likes of *12 Monkeys* and *The Sixth Sense* attest to that, but all too often Willis falls into the trap of essaying a character that is similar to others he has portrayed.

Here, his man of violence who has lapsed into a peaceful life is not far removed from Jimmy Tudeski in *The Whole 9 Yards*, and Willis, though always watchable, is seemingly on autopilot throughout.

Aside from gravitas and more than a hint of cool, Morgan Freeman similarly coasts by in his role, the highlight being seeing him dressed in what can only be described as a 'Sgt Pepper'-esque military outfit.

Once you get over the pleasure of seeing the Queen blasting away with guns, Helen Mirren's turn is much like Freeman's, as ever hugely watchable and with no little degree of gravitas, but lacking any great deal of substance.

It's John Malkovich who, of the main four stars, is the stand-out here – an actor who has never been afraid to be off the wall, and who is similarly kooky here.

The character of Marvin was supposedly exposed to LSD for 11 years and Malkovich obviously enjoys taking on the role and the comedic freedom it provides.

While not hitting his best oddbod, Malkovich is still nonetheless incredibly watchable, and, unlike the others, brings a degree of life to the character. The more entertaining turns are found in the support cast, Mary-Louise Parker nearly stealing the film in a wonderfully-judged light turn as Frank's love interest, the actress bringing a pleasing warmth and charm to what is a pretty depthless character, while the likes of Karl Urban, Richard Dreyfuss, Brian Cox and Ernest Borgnine round out a cast high on quality but low on actual importance to the story.

Screenwriters Jon and Erich Hoeber do well to condense the film's somewhat overly-complicated plot into a smooth ride, and give the film a touch of a road movie set-up with action moving from location to location. While the actual story itself is generic in the extreme, the scriptwriters at least keep it moving at a pace, never letting the story sag enough to make you think too hard about the logic of what is going on.

Sitting in the director's chair, Robert Schwentke does a decent job behind the camera, using some nice visual tics to give the film a graphic novel feel and, along with the script, giving the film a zippy pace.

However, for an action comedy, there is precious little of the former that is fresh or exciting. The latter is adequate but little more, and Schwentke's inexperience is a factor, unable to marshal his talents to create anything that is more than simply entertaining.

While that is hardly the most damning of verdicts, the fact is that given the talent involved *Red* could have been an awful lot more – as it is, it will keep your brain occupied for two hours and leave no trace.

VERDICT – *An enjoyable film, but nothing more, Red is less than the sum of its parts, and while entertaining squanders any promise it had.*

The likes of Willis, Freeman and Mirren may largely phone it in, but at least John Malkovich and Mary-Louise Parker bring a bit of life to the performances, and as a result give the film a needed lift. Average.

AMs back the 'Wear it Pink' campaign

THE Vale AM Jane Hutt and Plaid regional AM Chris Franks, have both linked up with the Breast Cancer Campaign – to raise awareness of its fundraising event, 'Wear it Pink' tomorrow (October 29).

Schools, colleges and businesses will be donating an item of pink and donate £2 to fund breast cancer research.

Ms Hutt (*pictured above*) explained:

"It is estimated that there are around 22,000 women and 150 men in Wales who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I know people who have lost friends and family members to the disease.

"I would like to encourage everyone in my constituency, and throughout the country, to support the Wear it Pink campaign on Friday, to raise valuable funds for breast cancer research," Ms Hutt urged.

PLAID Cymru AM Chris Franks (above) has called for "radical changes" to the way cancer patients are supported in Wales.

He said that Plaid is concerned that the current target-centred services do not fully recognise the different layers of problems people undergoing cancer treatment face on a day-to- day basis.

Supporters of the Breast Cancer Campaign are being encouraged to wear an item of pink clothing in support of the campaign and each donates £2 to fund innovative world-class breast cancer research.

For more information, Freephone 0800 1073103, or visit www.wearitpink.co.uk.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D641.

- **£2,000:** 684450.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £3,500, was not won this week.**
- **£10:**125557; 775560; 655965; 446814; 693437; 759762; 721860; 228853; 165632; 774737; 304657; 720276; 706879; 307205; 413084; 327660; 661420; 162020; 286746; 262833.
- **£5:** 115983; 699894; 714380; 209371; 932460; 839434; 804969; 132610; 183708; 593310; 817512; 477681; 682624; 436553; 350810; 336625; 751597; 320436; 451829; 898955; 643191; 569408; 880478; 555336; 649256; 178366; 110824; 678820; 144391; 456033; 814017; 157521; 250631; 362514; 500365; 395153; 640258; 271788; 820994; 590958; 312068; 549072; 503919; 536113; 296900; 140250; 690553; 256471; 856470; 137951; 764658; 505874; 385147; 372381; 191061; 663683; 677643; 424982; 232797; 275051.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Be safe on bonfire night!

WITH fireworks going on sale widely on October 15, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is urging people to spare a thought for safety before November 5.

RoSPA advises that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at a properly-organised public display, but recognises that not everyone can get to one.

Good preparation is the key if you will be having a fireworks celebration at home.

Now is the time to be thinking through questions like: *Do you know what the law says about fireworks?*

Is your garden big enough for your guests to watch from a safe distance?

Who will be responsible for setting off the fireworks?

The minimum age for buying category 2 fireworks, suitable for garden displays is 18 years of age.

RoSPA's fireworks website at *www.saferfireworks.com* contains all you need to know about planning a safe fireworks party.

It has details about the law across the UK, and tips for setting up a display.

GEM is in partnership with the Dogs Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre ***(Telephone: 01656 725219)***

Joey has issues, but is worth the effort!

A DOGS Trust spokeswoman said: "Joey is a male Dalmatian, one-to-two-years old, is on a prescription diet and may need further medical care.

"Joey loves life to the full, but may be a bit much in some circumstances.

"He will need an active home with very dedicated owners to help him settle, and will need further training before allowing him off lead, as his attention span is not huge.

"If living with another dog or other pets they would need to be well-adjusted and tolerant.

He could live with children 11 years up as long as time is available for his training."

Joey loves life!

WIN-nie SOME STAMPS PACKS!

A NEW set of Royal Mail stamps tells the story of one of the world's most-loved bears – and all his friends!

Children across Wales helped celebrate the Winnie-the-Pooh stamp collection and the enduring popularity and universal appeal of the hunny-loving character, famously created by A.A. Milne for his son, Christopher Robin, in 1926.

Readers of The Glamorgan GEM can win a set of the stamps in this month's great competition in conjunction with Royal Mail.

Pooh has been beautifully brought to life in endearing illustrations by EH Shepard. Original illustrations from the original Pooh stories, Winnie-the-Pooh, The House at Pooh Corner and the book of verse, Now we are Six feature in the collection of 10 Royal Mail special stamps.

To win a set of these amazing stamps answer the following question: ***What is Winnie The Pooh's favourite food? A) Honey B) Doner Kebab C) Turkey Twizzlers.***

*Answers on a postcard, marked '**Winnie The Pooh Stamps**' to Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL, no later than November 5. No correspondence will be entered into and judge's decision is final - good luck!*

Howells store's £100,000 backing for local hospice

HOWELLS store, is hosting its 15th traditional Christmas shopping evening on Tuesday, November 9, in aid of Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives.

The event will mark a 'fundraising milestone' for Howells' annual shopping event, when they hope to pass the £100,000 mark they have raised over the years.

For the past 15 years, the department store has raised funds for Ty Hafan by selling tickets to its private Christmas shopping evening.

Tickets cost just £3 and all proceeds go to the charity.

The event runs from 6.30pm – 9pm.

Staff light up the Ty Hafan hospice with £1,000 windfall

SAFETY-conscious staff at SWALEC in Bridgend have given the Ty Hafan hospice in Sully a £1,000 boost.

SWALEC Contracting were awarded £1,000 from the company's 'Make it Zero' campaign, which is designed to promote safety at work, and makes cash awards to teams who achieve and maintain an outstanding safety record. Recipients donate the money to a charity of their choice.

Tracey Croft for the contracting team, said: "We're delighted to be receiving this money for our safe work over the year and it was a unanimous decision amongst the team to donate the money to Ty Hafan.

"We are always impressed by the excellent work the charity undertakes and we hope that the donation can be put to good use by the hospice."

Out and About with The GEM

Rhiannon returns to Barry for choir's musical evening

ON Thursday, November 4, The Ynysybwl Ladies Choir will present a musical evening at the Windsor Road United Reformed Church under their musical director, Rhiannon Williams-Hale.

Born in Cardiff in 1976, Rhiannon was brought up in Barry and is the daughter of Brian and Lyn Williams of Heol Gwendolin.

As a young girl, Rhiannon was a chorister at All Saints Church where her parents, along with sister Bethan and niece Chloe, are choristers today.

Receiving her early education through the medium of Welsh, Rhiannon went on to study at The Bishop of Llandaff High School and The Royal Academy of Music, London, before going to read music at Cardiff University having been awarded the David Lloyd Scholarship on entrance.

Rhiannon's musical career began as a singer and she is remembered by many people in Barry for being awarded the prestigious title of '1989 National BET Choirgirl of the Year'.

Now greatly sought after as an accompanist, Rhiannon's list of credits includes Llanelli, Cwmbach, Maesteg, Llantrisant and Cambrian Male Voice Choirs, and she is now proud to be accompanist to the Pontardulais Male Choir having accompanied their 50th anniversary recording in the past year.

In 2008, Rhiannon was made an honorary 'lady' member of the renowned Treorchy Male Voice Choir for whom she was principal accompanist from 1998 to 2002.

Rhiannon returns to Barry with the Ynysybwl Ladies Choir, who are preparing to take part in the Massed Festival of Ladies Choirs at St David's Hall, Cardiff, later in November where she will perform as accompanist and soloist.

A concert spokesman said: "It is good to see a daughter of Barry returning to her home town, and it is hoped that those who remember her will attend the concert and enjoy once again her exceptional talent for music and singing."

Tickets are available from church members (£5, £3 concessions) or call me on 01446 748958.

Rev Irfon James

St Paul's church bargains

CHRISTMAS bargains will be on sale at St Paul's Church Hall, Barry, at its fayre on Saturday, November 6.

Opening at 2pm, stalls will include Christmas gifts, books and DVDs, home-made cakes, toys, bottle stall and hand-crafted Christmas cards. There will also be a lucky-dip and prize draw.

Admission for children is free, and for adults 50p.

St Paul's Church Hall is in St Paul's Avenue, Barry. Refreshments, including home-made cakes, tea and coffee will be on sale.

Medical stamp winners

THE winners of our recent stamp competition were:

James McKinty, Barry; Mrs P Williams, Nottage; AE Evans, Cowbridge; Victoria Taylor, Cefn Cribwr; Pat Good, Sully; Jocelyn James, Boverton; John Richfield, St Athan; Mari Hughes, Ely; Mar A Kent, Barry; Brian Watkins, Pontycymmer; Mr Williams, Cowbridge; Jean Twomey, Llantwit Major; Helen Hobrough, Barry; Mrs GR Williams, Pyle; Jan Foyle, Maendy; Mrs J Morris, Porthcawl; JM Reynolds, Dinas Powys; Barri Willis, Litchard; S Cranfield, Aberdare; Mrs N Webb, Barry.

Lions hold pink coffee morning

PORTHCAWL Lions are organising a pink coffee morning tomorrow (October 29) at the Atlantic Hotel in aid of Breast Cancer Care Cymru.

Doors open at 10am, admission is £3 at the door. Lion Sonia Wilkinson added: "There will be stalls, displays and wonderful cakes in addition to the coffee."

FUN RUN

The Lions are now accepting entries for their 38-furlong Boxing Day fun run from male and female competitors.

Lion Rhys Lewis said: "This annual event starts at the Hi-Tide Inn and follows the sea shore for most of its 38 furlongs, a distance that is not often run, so there's every chance of a world record."

Mr Lewis can be contacted at 01656 772369. Entry details can also be obtained from the Porthcawl Lions web site at porthcawllions.co.uk

District Flower Arrangers Club

COWBRIDGE and District Flower Arrangers Club is meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, November 3, at the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

Gloria Davies will give a demonstration entitled 'Christmas Journey'.

"Come, relax and enjoy this demonstration. A warm welcome awaits you".

Group has lift-off

PENARTH Aviation Society's autumn season is now under way, including regular informative talks.

For those wishing to contact the club, telephone David Ephraim on 01446 721321 or Barrie Howell on 02920 531390.

What's on and Where?

Car boot sale

ON the last Saturday of every month in the Welsh school, Llanharry, there will be a market and car boot sale from 9am-1pm.

Proceeds to go to Llanharry Community Association.

If interested in having a stall or knowing more, telephone Peggy on 01443 229474.

Last days of Barry exhibition

THERE are only three days left to see a selection of bizarre, weird and unusual devices and gadgets used in everyday life between the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the Festival of Britain 1951, all on show at Art Central, King Square, Barry.

Owner, Maurice Collins, uses his collection to raise money for his charity 'Kith and Kids', which supports the families of children and adults with learning disabilities.

Entry to the exhibition is free, and it is open until October 30.

Photography

A PHOTOGRAPHY project showcasing the abandoned 1930s holiday camp, St Athan Boys' Village, is taking place at Rhymney Library until October 29.

Created by Polish-born photographer Magdalena Garczynska with co-operation from Clubs for Young People Wales, it includes a photography and DVD exhibition depicting the Boys' Village from the early days until recently, when the now derelict, site was put up for sale.

Spirit disco

THE Gathering Place, Flemingston Road, St Athan is running discos for 9-16-year-olds every four weeks.

The next one is on October 29 from 7pm-10pm; entrance is £1 and there will be food and drinks on sale. Music is chart, pop, dance and rock.

All money raised goes back into funding the community entertainments programme at The Gathering Place.

For more information, telephone 01446 750700 or email: thegatheringplace-stathan@hotmail.com. check out the website at: www.thegatheringplace-stathan.org

Charity cards

CARDS for Good Causes opens its Cowbridge shop on Saturday, October 30, at the Old Hall, opposite the Bear Hotel.

Valeways walks

ON October 31 at 2.30pm, 'Roger of the Berkerolles' walk starts at St Athan Church, St Athan (STO 18680).

Every Tuesday at 10.30am, meet at Waterfront below Morrisons, Barry.

Walkers please note you may encounter stiles, uneven surfaces, steep sections or soft, wet ground on some walks.

For further information, telephone the Valeways office on 01446 749000.

Zombie film

THE Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, will launch its new Film Club on Tuesday, November 2, at 7.30pm with a screening of a true horror classic – the original 1978 verion of Dawn of the Dead.

NSPCC Barry

THE Barry Central Branch of NSPCC is delighted to present Ted Egan, the renowned Australian speaker, author and folk singer, who will be performing at St Helen's RC Church Hall, Wyndham Street, Barry on Wednesday, November 3 at 7.30pm.

Light refreshments will be served and feel free to bring your own wine. Tickets are £6. Telephone 01446 748823 for more details.

Ted Egan, a long term Territorian, has spent many years living in Alice Springs and was appointed Administrator of the Northern Territory in 2003.

He has been writing and recording songs since 1969 and has produced many albums.

History talk

THE Cowbridge and District Local History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, November 5, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

Pamela Robson will speak on William Levwer and Port Sunlight.

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Be a part of Barry's past at 19th century coastal Watchtower!

ONE of Barry's most historic buildings – the two storey Watchtower at the Knap – is to be let by informal tender.

The Vale Council has decided that it has no use for the structure, which is a tower made of local Lias limestone and is partly built into the cliff embankment.

The tower is a grade 2 listed building and available on a 25 year lease.

In a report on the Watchtower's future, a council officer pointed out: "The building is of architectural and historic interest and located within the Barry marine conservation area.

"The building was constructed in 1860 as a coastguard station.

"The tower has a boat entry secured by a roller shutter door to its ground floor elevation accessed by a slipway and a pedestrian access door to its first floor elevation."

LEFT:
The Watchtower has been a Barry landmark since 1860.

Photograph by
GLYN EVANS

The building has electricity and water supplies, and two of the suggested uses are as an artist's studio, or for marine storage.

The report emphasises that it is in need of repair, but what might tempt someone to lease it would be its unique position with views over the Old Harbour and out to the Bristol Channel.

Completed tender documents should be sent to the council by November 12.

Mental health in the Vale is highlighted in displays

Jane Hutt AM is pictured (above) with representatives of local organisations at the World Mental Health Day exhibition in Barry Town Library .

DISPLAYS showing the work of local organisations concerned with mental health and well-being, were praised by Vale AM Jane Hutt at the County Library in Barry.

"One in four of us will experience mental ill-health in our lifetimes and there are many pressures on people which cause stress and anxiety. It is vital that we have organisations ready to offer advice, support and new opportunities to help find routes to recovery and they were all at the library to celebrate World Mental Health Day," the AM said.

College's signature dish makes appearance in course cook book

A MEAL designed and created by the hospitality and catering department at Barry College is set to feature in the latest edition of the leading guidebook for aspiring chefs.

The lamb dish will appear in Cengage's Professional Chef: level 2 further education course book. Providing complete coverage of the Level 2 Diploma for food preparation and cookery, the textbook contains a range of modern and traditional recipes that reflect industry best practice.

Named Glamorgan Lamb, in homage to the college's location, and its professional restaurant the Glamorgan Suite, the dish consists of grilled lamb cutlets with a 'Welsh Egg' and 'Sauce Robert' – a brown sauce containing finely diced onion, white wine and mustard.

The dish is Glamorgan Lamb!

A twist on the traditional Scotch Egg, the Welsh version is a quail's egg wrapped in lamb mince and a mint leaf then breadcrumbed.

"The brief was to come up with a local dish with ideas around eating sustainably," Barry College chef lecturer Kevin Fairlie – who has just returned from a stint catering at the Ryder Cup - explained.

"So we did a little research and found that we have wonderful Welsh mountain lamb here in Glamorgan – with a little bit of creativity we created the dish."

It is not the first time the Glamorgan Suite has created its own signature dish.

"We took the traditional Haddock Monte Carlo fish dish and tweaked it slightly, calling it the Haddock Monaco," Kevin said. "A couple of years back a student went to work in a local hotel and he took the recipe with him. When asked to come up with a dish for a menu the student made the Haddock Monaco – our dishes do travel with our students."

How Rotary fireworks display became a great local tradition

by JOHN LEWIS of JPL SOUND

IT hardly seems that a year could have passed since Barry's firework fiesta of 2009 and yet it has.

At JPL Sound, we have been involved with Barry Rotary Club's display for more than 30 years, providing the sound systems for this annual event.

Over the years, we have seen many changes. In its early years, it was held at Romilly Park – like so many other events we used to have in the town such as The Horse & Flower Show and Barry Carnival to name just two!

In the formative years, the 'guest' announcer was Vince Saville, the brother of Sir Jimmy Saville.

At Romilly Park, there were excellent fireworks and a superb bonfire to go alongside them. This was thanks to a handsome pile of wooden pallets supplied by local timber merchants Meggitt & Price.

At the time, the company was managed by the late Mr Gareth Howe, a very well known Rotarian, who together with fellow members was keen to provide a bonfire. To top off the bonfire, there was always a good selection of 'Guy Fawkes', which were products of local newspaper competitions!

In those days, there was a very modest admission charge to Romilly Park, and people were entertained before the event with a schools' five-a-side tournament.

There were quite a few people who stood outside the railings and enjoyed the 'free' show!

A few years later, the evening's proceedings were moved over to the Knap Promenade with the bonfire sited up on the point back towards Watchtower Bay.

The move was necessary because of the ever-increasing numbers of spectators attending the display, and the fact that there was a slight problem with the grass growing in Romilly Park after a huge bonfire had been there. In fact, it was a case of the fireworks fiesta outgrowing the park.

It took the hard working members of Barry Rotary Club a lot of effort and extra expense to stage the annual display at the Knap.

A lot of additional lighting and floodlighting had to be brought in so that the public could move around in safety as the Knap Promenade has no lights. The Army volunteered to help build the bonfire, as they had big machines that could transport the timber pallets all the way up the steps up to the headland.

Following a number of years at the Knap, overtures were made by Barry Island traders to persuade the Rotary Club to relocate the event to Barry Island and fire the fireworks from Friar's Point. This ensured an excellent display area, as Friar's Point can be seen from all along the seafront and even from the Marine Drive area.

The decision was made to relocate to Barry Island and the local business community also donated towards the costs as well as the Vale Council, Barry Town Council, Associated British Ports and, of course, in the early days the local chemical complexes which were major local employers.

However, nothing stays the same. Costs were continually climbing for both the Rotary Club and for local businesses, and eventually the big chemical companies had to withdraw their support for financial reasons.

The tradition of having a bonfire had to be dispensed with, due to costs and logistics at Friar's Point.

One of the most important changes followers of the fireworks fiesta will have noticed, is that since it moved to Barry Island it became a free event. The only cost to anyone was a very modest car parking fee for the car park, which is manned on the night by Rotarians.

There are still a lot of local people who seem to think that the event is run by the council. *It is not, and never has been!*

There are still members of Barry Rotary Club fireworks committee working tirelessly to produce a great event, who were on the original Rotary committee all those years ago when we started working with them to supply the sound systems.

Let's hope that we have a dry, mild night on November 5. If you are attending, please search out the bucket collectors in their official bright yellow Rotary tabards. Not only are they making the evening possible, they are also raising money for good local causes.

Please remember, if you cannot find a bucket to put money into, you can always visit the big silver coloured JPL sound commentary control unit parked half way up the seafront gardens and hand in your donation there.

Enjoy the evening.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(COLCOT ROAD (A4050), BARRY)
(ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOUCAN CROSSING)

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) (as amended) and of all other enabling powers intends to establish a Toucan Crossing (a signalised crossing catering for both pedestrians and cyclists) at the location described in Schedule 1 below, and convert the adjacent footways into cycle tracks (an un-segregated pedestrian and cycle facility) pursuant to Sections 66(4) and 65(1) of the Highways Act (1980) (as amended) as described in Schedule 2 below.

Full details of the proposal and a copy of the plan (Ref: T/10/72/MDS), may be inspected at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry and the address shown below during normal office hours.

SCHEDULE 1

The centre of the toucan crossing being located approximately 22 metres northwest of the centre of its junction with Whitewell Road.

SCHEDULE 2

The footway on the eastern side of Colcot Road (A4050), Barry from its junction with Winston Road through to its junction with Whitewell Road

The footway on the westerns side of Colcot Road (A4050), Barry from its junction with Greenfield Road, through to a point opposite the common boundary of 154 and 156 Colcot Road (A4050), Barry.

Dated this 28th day of October 2010

M. Punter
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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BRO MORGANNWG

Popular local teacher lands national award

THE winner of 'The Becta Award for Next Generation Learning in Wales for 2010' is Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg teacher, Dilwyn Owen.

Mr Owen is the head of the school's ICT department and was nominated for the award by one of his pupils.

When Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg was established ten years ago, it needed someone to develop a strategic vision for the future of ICT teaching and the use of new technologies in the school as a whole. Mr Owen was crucial to this development.

From the start, he consulted with students, staff and parents on what was required to ensure that the best possible use was made of new technologies as they appeared on the market. The school's strategic vision was based on the Welsh Assembly's Strategy for Schools, and is linked to Becta's ICT mark.

The pupil who nominated Mr Owen, said: "*He is a very patient and kind teacher, who talks to all the pupils with respect, which makes me feel good about myself. His lessons are always enjoyable.*"

The school's teaching of ICT was described as 'outstanding' in a recent Estyn inspection.

Mr Owen has actively promoted the use of social networking, blogs, and video conferencing in teaching and learning. Technology is also widely used in departments such as music and media studies, and he is working on a project to develop the school's website.

A colleague said: "The range of technologies used in and beyond the curriculum plays a significant part in the development of pupils' learning, thinking and communication skills and prepares them for life after school. Dilwyn has been at the forefront of this strategy."

Mr Owen offers lunchtime and after-school clubs, and has instigated the installation of an interactive whiteboard in every classroom. All pupils receive ICT lessons, and a course at GCSE, comprising 100 per cent coursework (DiDA), has been introduced.

The school's special needs department has been one of the biggest beneficiaries, with technology assisting pupils who have physical difficulties, while software applications incorporating colour, animations and sound have proved to be invaluable to students with sensory and other challenges.

The judges said: "His enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of ICT systems is evident in the learners' approaches to using ICT as a tool to improve their learning. Dilwyn leads from the front."

Funeral directors add classic touch to their car fleet

Lyndsay Ellis with the vintage Daimler DS420 hearse.

PARK Independent Funeral Directors of Barry has made a classic addition to its car fleet.

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Who wants to build what and where in the Vale?

*Rev John Atkinson – **Porthkerry Road Methodist Church, Porthkerry Road** – Removal of pews.*

*Mr Robert Whitaker – **Ganol Fan, Windmill Lane, Llanblethian** – Rebuild garage (not started), rebuild stone wall on front of property (already started).*

*Ms Jane Goodfellow – **1 Gelli Garn Cottage, St Mary Hill** – Two storey extension to accommodate kitchen, utility and two bedrooms.*

*Mr Scott Barber – **New House, St Hilary** – Proposed modifications to the existing vehicular access; works include the taking down of the existing stone boundary wall and rebuilding to new location.*

*Mr Graham Cartwright – **The Croft, Llanmaes** – construction of replacement boundary wall incorporating lighting.*

*Mr Gordon Baston – **Lougher Moor, Morfa Lane, Llantwit Major** – Repairs and alterations to existing storage/garden shed.*

*Mr Kenneth Rattenbury – **Blodfa, Station Road East, Wenvoe** – Proposed works to first floor including retention of existing dormer, new dormer and minor relocation of previously approved shower room dormer (unconstructed).*

*Gwyn Evans (Building Consultants) – **Bella Vista Care Home, 106-108 Tynewydd Road, Barry** – Retrospective application for minor amendments to second storey/single storey extensions as approved.*

*Miss Ceri Jones – **The Croft, Llangan** – New riding school, stables and associated car parking/access and outdoor arena.*

*Mr and Mrs Raisanen – **16 Duffryn Close, St Nicholas** – Conservatory to the side elevation.*

*Mr A Hancok – **5 Hastings Avenue, Penarth** – Two storey extension to rear to create better living space/kitchen and bathroom, additional bedroom to first floor.*

*Mrs Ann Williams – **Hafenwen, Westgate, Cowbridge** – Construction of single storey garden room extension and all associated works.*

*Mr Joseph Cordina – **Dukes Farm, Gower Lane, Leckwith** – Retention of lean-to barn extension, septic tank and kennels.*

*Mr Joseph Cordina – **Dukes Farm, Gower Lane, Leckwith** – Change of use of land and building to the keeping and training of dogs.*

*Broadlands Property Investments – **1 Mill Barns, Mill Road, Boverton** – the construction of an access track.*

***The Market Place, 66 High Street, Cowbridge** – Remove external timber landing and staircase from rear first floor elevation. Insert painted metal Juliet balcony to first floor French doors.*

*TJX Europe – **Unit B, Valegate Retail Park, nr Cardiff** – Installation of two number ventilation grills for mechanical extract and fresh air supply to retail unit.*

*Mr Mark Edwards – **No 1 New Barn, Flemingston** – Construction of toilet block.*

*Marstons Inns and Taverns – **Old College Inn, Barry Road, Barry** – Internal and external alterations, new external cold stores within yard.*

*Mr Roy Ayres – **20 Chestnut Avenue, St Athan** – Single storey extension to provide ground floor WC facilities.*

*Mr Hugh Child – **Plas Y Coed, Bonvilston** – Retention of garden extension to rear of property.*

*Capt William Barnes – **Verber, 6 Victoria Park Road, Cadoxton** – Relocation of prefab garage by 1 metre south west.*

*Mr and Mrs Lance Carver – **32 Robinswood Crescent, Penarth** – New side extension with bedroom in roof space to match existing dwelling replacing existing garage with store, utility and study.*

*Mr John Hexter – **Stoneleigh, 7 Coldbrook Road West, Barry** – Retrospective application for porch to front of dwelling and conservatory to rear, and application for side extension to the rear and above the garage.*

*Mr Jess Hanspal – **Pant y Groes, B4265** – Replacement dormer bungalow dwelling in place of existing bungalow but at a different orientation and set back further from the roadside. To include associated landscaping and boundaries, vehicular/pedestrian access and a concealed lightweight car port.*

*ESA Tree Care Ltd – **Greystones, Llanmaes** – Crown lift most trees off garden and fence and remove five self-sown sycamores (4 young and 1 s/m) from south boundary and remove hornbeam from centre of garden.*

*Llanmaes Community Council – **Llanmaes village green** – Pollard willow and crown lift oak (nearest Ty Ffynnon frontage).*

*Mr K Harvey – **Ashgrove, Walston Road, Wenvoe** – Reduction of selected limbs to ash tree in rear garden.*

*Mr Shoring – **Westbrook, Factory Road, Llanblethian** – Fell willow and 2 ash at centre of rear garden and pollard willow, bay and lilac along rear boundary.*

*Mr W Marsh – **Treetops, St Andrew Road, Dinas Powys** – Renewal of 2008/01427/TPO to fell lime in front garden.*

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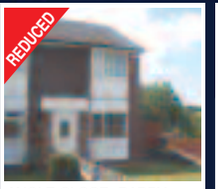

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- Conservatory
- Good sized gardens to front & rear
- Stunning views over countryside
- Viewing highly recommended

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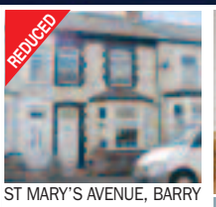

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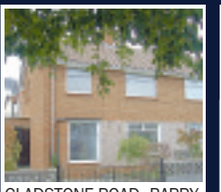

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- Double glazing
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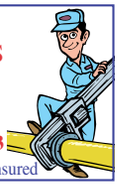

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GIBSON
Sarah (Sally)
Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on October 20, Sally of Gower Court, Barry.
Dearly beloved wife of the late John, much-loved mother of Liz, Fiona and Ros. Sally will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her service and committal at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, on Tuesday November 2 at 11am.
Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

DAVIES
Ceridwen
Peacefully on October 24, 2010, Ceri of Llantwit Major, formerly of Cefn-y-Bedd, Wrexham.
Dearly loved wife of the late Alun and dear Mum of Eleri and Steve, Richard and Julie, and a beloved Grandma of Katie and Jonathon. A loving sister to Mair and Heulwen. Ceri will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Resting at W.A.Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major, until the funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Friday November 5, at 1.15pm.
Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Funeral Director (cheques only).

NOLAN
Kathleen Mary
Peacefully at her home on October 23, Kath of Gladstone Road, Barry, dearly beloved wife of the late John, much loved mother of Frances, Michael, Anthony and Martin, mother-in-law of Jenny and Barry, adored grandmother of Lindsay.
Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until her reception into St Helen's RC Church, Barry, on Thursday November 4 at 4.30pm for the requiem mass on Friday, November 5 at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations if desired to S.V.P. St Helen's R.C. Church, Barry.

EVANS
David
Peacefully on October 22 at Holme Tower, Penarth, after a short illness, David of Rhoose.
Beloved husband of Joan, dearly loved father and grandfather.
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday November 2, service 1.15pm at St Davids Methodist Church, Colcot, Barry, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu if desired to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose CF62 3DZ

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Funeral service at Glanrhyd Hospital, Tondu Road, Bridgend, on Tuesday, November 2, at 11.00am, followed by cremation at Coychurch and reception at Pantruthin Farm. No flowers, but donations to the Alzheimer's Society welcomed.
For details, Tel: 01446 774171.

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October 30, 2009
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Birthdays

HAZEL BRADBURY
Happy Birthday!
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Lots of Love from Dai & Abigail.
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Happy 70th Birthday
Joan James
28th October 2010
All our Love . . .
Husband Dai,
Hazel & Dai,
Linda & Mike,
Kayleigh & Chris,
Ryan & Sally,
& Abigail x x x x x

Happy 80th Birthday
MUM
Margaret Thomas
of Cowbridge
29th October, 2010
All our love,
David, Linda, Martin, Karen, Steve & Gillian, and all your grandchildren and great grandchildren. *x x x*

Thank You

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October 22nd, 2010
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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS SHOW OFF THEIR PUBLIC SPIRIT!

ASSEMBLY representatives were in the Vale recently, to view work undertaken by Tidy Town volunteers.

The Assembly's Tidy Towns scheme is run in the Vale by the borough council, in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy.

Llanilltud Fawr in Flower, Llantwit Major town centre and the gardens of Cartref residents' home in Barry were some of the projects 'WAG' representatives visited,with Vale Council senior enforcement officer Denny White and Pam Barnes from Keep Wales Tidy.

A spokesperson explained that the project encourages local people to initiate and take responsibility for worthwhile projects, persuading them to carry out sustainable and practical improvements to their environment, allowing interested stakeholders to bid for grant money, and ultimately making a visual difference to their town, village or hamlet.

Volunteers had worked hard on schemes during the past year.

At Cartref residents' home, the 12th Barry Sea Scouts, together with volunteers from two charities – Llamau and Scope, renovated gardens for residents to enjoy.

ABOVE: Back row, from left to right: Vale senior enforcement officer, Denny White, with Mark Robertson, youth offending team supervisor. Back right: Ian Harvey from Tidy Towns/Keep Wales Tidy. They are surrounded by representatives from Llamau, Scope, and staff from Cartref residents' home.

Tech-savvy Island school scores memorable double

As reported in last week's GEM, Barry Island Primary School landed ICT awards for being the best school in the whole of Wales and the joint winner in the UK prize. At the award presentation, from left to right, were: Janet Hayward, Barry Island Primary School headteacher, Rob Sainsbury of Computacenter, the company which has worked with the school to develop hardware solutions, Ty Golding, deputy headteacher, and the director of BECTA.

Chess Club struggles against opposition

by KEVIN GANDY

THREE of Barry Chess Club's four teams were involved in East Glamorgan League matches last week but none of the encounters gave club members much cause for celebration.

Barry's second and fourth teams, the Camelots and The Quarks, were first out of the blocks on Monday evening when, respectively, they travelled to play Bridgend Borg in division two and new league entrants St Johns in division four.

The Camelots hoped to extend their season's unbeaten run when they fielded their strongest available team but disappointingly lost the match 3½ – 1½ as despite breaking even on the top three boards, poor performances on boards four and five added nothing further to the visitors' tally.

St John's College in St Mellons, Cardiff, have entered the East Glamorgan league for the first time this season and are something of dark horses. Although many of the school's young students are registered to play, experienced players from Malpas in the Gwent league have been turning out regularly for their teams and brushing aside all opposition at this level.

Heavily outgraded on all boards by another Malpas raiding party, The Quarks could do little more than gracefully accept their 4–1 match loss.

Thursday evening saw a clash between Barry and Cardiff's first teams when The Barry Bosuns played host to The Cardiff Castles.

Although The Castles were beaten to last season's division one title by Bridgend Timelords, they boast an inevitable record in the league's premier division and are never anything less than formidable.

The Bosuns could have perhaps hoped for a little more from the match but their 1½ – 3½ loss was not the biggest surprise in the world.

So, all in all, a poor week for Barry Chess Club, albeit against strong opposition, in which it netted only four of the 15 points which were available from the three matches played.

Barry's only scorers were Lee Davis for The Bosuns, Craig Woolcock for The Camelots, Dave Mahoney for The Quarks and Nigel Ralphs who contributed a half point in both The Bosons and the Camelots' encounters.

At least someone brought home the bacon ... even it it was a little on the streaky side!

Barry Chess Club meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm on the first floor of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry. Anyone with an interest in chess is welcome to visit for a chat or a friendly game with one of the club's members before perhaps considering playing regularly in league matches.

New cycle scheme to open in New Year

THE Vale's first contra-flow cycle lane will be opened in Penarth next January.

The scheme, designed by the Vale Council, follows an assessment of the recently introduced one way and parking scheme in Penarth town centre.

Coun Jeffrey James, cabinet member for planning and transportation, said: "I am pleased to announce that a scheme has been developed and is in place for the Arcot Street contra-flow and the continued links northwards for cyclists.

"Developing this link has been a longstanding aspiration of this council and I am delighted that it's designed and ready for implementation."

Coun James, who also chairs a local steering group established to assess and develop links to Pont y Werin, added: "I have asked that the works be scheduled as soon as possible. This is likely to be early in the New Year so as to avoid Christmas traffic and negatively impacting on trade during a critical time for Penarth's businesses.

"The scheme is identified as a core route linking with Pont y Werin and will ensure that continued good progress is made on the provision of cycling links within Penarth."

The council was also undertaking early feasibility work on the key junctions at Windsor Road and Plassey Street, and Windsor Road and Terra Nova Way with a view to improving performance for all road users."

BRIDGE CLUB LATEST

LATEST results from Barrivale are as follows:

Tuesday, October 19, session two of the men's and ladies' pairs.

First were Irene Thomas and Noelle Bond with 64.29 per cent. In secomd were Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick (61.11).

Joint third were Mike Close and Tim Barsby, and Denis Mottram and Mark Roderick (55.56). Dave and Tom won on handicap

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, telephone 01446 733425.

PACT meetings

BARRY

BARUC PACT at St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Barry on Thursday October 28, at 7pm.

CADOC PACT at Palmerston Community & Learning Centre on Wednesday November 3, at 7pm.

COURT PACT at Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Close, Barry on Thursday November 11, at 7.30pm.

PENARTH

STANWELL PACT in The Pod, St Lukes Avenue on Friday November 12, at 7pm.

Castleland meeting

CASTLELAND Communities First community safety meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3 at 6pm in the Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Strolling in steps of a Norman lord

RECENTLY, on a lovely morning two walkers joined leader Val Hartrey for a walk in the Roath Park area, starting from the lower end of the botanic gardens, which feature a large rose garden, conservatory and playground, set against a backdrop of lawns and conifers with shrub and herbaceous borders.

During Norman times, the Roath area was a huge farm that fed the Norman lord Fizhammon, based at Cardiff Castle, his tenants and workers.

In 1887, the 3rd Marquis of Bute and a few landowners gave 120 acres of boggy marshland to Cardiff Corporation with over 100 acres coming directly from the Bute estate. The park was opened in 1894 and the 30-acre lake was created by damming the Nant Fawr stream.

Roath possibly derives its name from the Gaelic word rath – meaning fort, but perhaps a more accurate derivation is from the Welsh rhodd – meaning gift.

Reaching the Wild Gardens, which play host to a variety of native and exotic trees, they crossed two roads and joined a footpath alongside Cardiff High School and the Nant Fawr stream. The path wended its way through woodland to reach Wood's Covert, part of Nant Fawr Wood to the Llanishen and smaller Lisvane reservoir.

In 2002, the American firm Western Power, which owns both sites, applied for planning permission to fill in the reservoirs and build houses, which was strongly opposed by the local, community and other agencies.

In 2008, they resubmitted plans which were rejected by the Welsh Assembly Government and in 2009, CADW made the area a site of historic interest.

On October 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9-mile mod/hard walk in the Dare Valley; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On October 31, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile mod/hard walk at St Briavels and the Wye Valley; contact Nick on 01446 420540.

On November 2, the mid-week walk will leave the Barry Waterfront at 9.30am for a 6-mile walk at St Brides and Ogmore; contact Neil on 029 2051 2406.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Contact Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Farming 'entrants scheme' welcomes new applications

PLAID Cymru Assembly candidate for the Vale, Dr Ian Johnson, has welcomed the launch of the second year of the Welsh Assembly Government's innovative farming Young Entrants Support Scheme, which took place last week.

Dr Johnson said: "The Young Entrants Support Scheme (YESS) provides assistance to young farmers (under 40) who have adequate skills and competence and are setting-up as head of the holding for the first time or have set-up as head of holding for the first time within the previous 12 months.

"The scheme will hopefully play an important part in ensuring that the farming industry in Wales has a long, successful and ultimately sustainable future ahead of it.

"*Applications for the YESS second year opened on October 18 and close on December 20."*

Coffee morning

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council is holding a charity coffee morning at the Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, 9 November, at 10.30 am to 12 noon

All proceeds will go to charity.

Ty Hafan ball host

WELSH stand-up comedian, TV and radio presenter Chris Corcoran, will host the Ty Hafan annual ball in Royal Chelsea Hospital Gardens, London, on November 25.

Further details at tyhafanball@tyhafan.org or call 029 2067 2065.

New £1.5m breast cancer unit opens

AN open day giving a peak inside the new £1.5 million breast cancer unit for the Vale and Cardiff at Llandough Hospital was provided on October 22.

The new centre became fully operational earlier this week, providing patients with all the services they need under one roof.

At the open day, patients, staff and local GPs viewed the facility and saw at first hand what the new service will provide.

Dr Sumit Goyal, consultant breast surgeon for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, said:

"The new unit will make an important difference to the care provided to breast cancer sufferers.

"Patients will be able to access all the treatments and diagnostics associated with the condition, such as mammogram and ultrasound.

"It means that patients will be able to get their results on the same day.

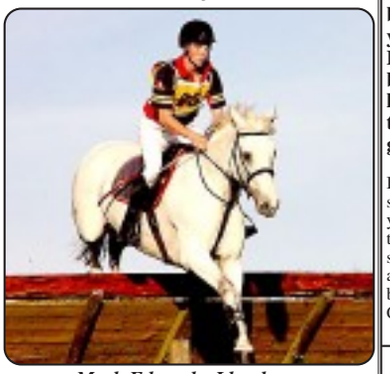
"The new centre allows us to continue delivering our excellent care, in an environment tailored to the patients needs," Dr Goyal concluded.

Glamorgan Hunter Trials challenges all abilities

Winners Intermediate Pairs

Charlotte Pritchard from Llantrisant

Lisa Lindsey, St. Mary Church



Mark Edwards, Llandow - winner, Senior Open.

Leaping into the unknown!

This rider makes a successful jump

THE Glamorgan Hunter Trials were due to take place on October 3, the day of the 'monsoon', but had to be postponed to October 17.

However, this new date was a beautiful day with the hilly and interesting cross-country course at Alps Park, Wenvoe in tip-top condition and classes for all abilities and age groups.

The results were:

Class 1 Minimus Pairs:

1st Maisy Beech Tabitha, Izzy Kennedy Lucy,

2nd Lois Anstee Warrior, Jade Williams Pip.

Class 2 Minimus Course

1st Lois Anstee Warrior,

2nd Izzy Kennedy Lucy,

3rd Darren King Sally's Dancer.

Class 3 Novice Pairs

1st Freya Mcdougal Thomas The Tank, Honor Mcdougal Ringside Blue Eyed Boy.

2nd Shanna Evans Alim, Gee Johns Powell Bess,

3rd Jayne Roger India,Stephen Alan Bud.

Class 4 Junior Novice

1st Seron Alan Buzz,

2nd Gee Johns Powell Alim,

3rd Ethan Fettah Rock Star.

Class 5 Senior Novice

1st Bethany Jarvis Alfie,

2nd Mark Edwards Duet,

3rd Catherine Philips Harvey.

Class 6 Intermediate Pairs

1st Casey Carey Her shadow, Katey Jenkins National Velvet,

2nd Lowri Gallea Mister O, Tina Philips Bryn Howell Pollyann,

3rd Adam Jenkins Hollywood, Kelly Jarman Jess.

Class 7 Junior Intermediate

1st Ellie Dix Moss,

2nd Millie Myers Dancer,

3rd Georgina Jones Ronnie Boy.

Class 8 Senior Intermediate

1st Tina Phillips Bryn Howell Polyann,

2nd Bethany Jarvis Alfie,

3rd Adam Jenkins Hollywood.

Class 9 Junior Open

1st Bethan Allman Murvey Mccoy,

2nd Charlotte Pritchard Flanders Fields,

3rd Katie Jenkins National Velvet.

Class 10 Senior Open

1st Mark Edwards Killupan Lassie,

2nd Lisa Lindsey Indy,

3rd Sean Jenkins Big Bird.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY HEATHER MARCH

Bethany Jarvis, winner - Senior Novice.

Ellie Dix, Llanvithyn winner Junior Intermediate.

A Community Chest grant has helped the Penarth Patriots under-16s basketball team bounce on to the local sporting scene.

Penarth Patriots basketball formed with help of grant

THE first junior basketball team for youngsters in Penarth has bounced on to the local sporting scene, thanks to a special grants scheme.

The Penarth Patriots Basketball Club has been set up for local 14 to 16 year-old boys who want to make a start in the sport, and the club's ambitions have been boosted by a £640 Community Chest grant.

The Community Chest grants scheme, agreed by a panel of volunteers with support from the Vale Council's sports and play development team and Sport Wales, is available to provide new and improved opportunities for local people of all ages and abilities to take part in sports and physical activities.

Describing how the club was set up, coach Stuart McFarlane said: "I was initially contacted by a very pro-active parent, Tracy Morgan, who asked me if it would be possible to find a coach to run some basketball sessions for a group of keen teenage boys.

"I could see that Tracy had already put in a great deal of work, such as searching for venues, and so I was more than happy to help out. We started with taster sessions at the Pen-y-Garth sports hall once a week during the summer, and everyone who attended kept coming back for more so I decided to form an official under-16s team for the new season."

If you would like further information about the Penarth Patriots Basketball Club, please call Stuart McFarlane on 07976 828841.

The Vale Community Chest panel sits every two months and the deadline for the next round of grant applications is Friday, November 12. If you would like to find out more, please call Karen Davies on 01446 704793 or Julie Morgan on 01446 704748.

For further details about local sporting opportunities, please visit www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/sportsandplay.

View Seconds put to sword

SEA VIEW 2nd XV	**5**
RHIWBINA 3rd XV	**77**

AFTER yet another cancelled game last week, the 2nd XV took to the field against a very strong Rhiwbina XV.

With call-ups to the Firsts, unavailabilities and several training injuries, the Islanders were in for a tough afternoon.

The first half saw the View put to the sword, with the visitors scoring 50 points despite the best efforts of the whole team and some superb tackles from Rory O'Keefe and Daniel Glennie.

The Rhiwbina outside-centre had a fine game, running some beautiful lines and constantly creating chances for his wings.

Rhiwbina also seemed to have cloned Neil Jenkins, their goal kicker having a field day scoring from all angles.

Despite the scoreline it wasn't all one-way traffic, as the View pack, toward the end of the half, started to keep the ball close to relieve the pressure on their inexperienced back line.

The View 8, containing five front row and two converted backs, while not the most mobile, began to take the game to Rhiwbina.

The second half was a better one for the View, and despite Rhiwbina keeping the scoreboard ticking over, the View had some good passages of play.

Wayne Burston had a good game, constantly taking the ball over the gain line. The View's No 8 Steve Davies, playing out of position and playing his first game for almost a year, looked good going forward and in defence.

The wing forwards, Steve Ball and Jay Angove, played their hearts out, with Ball, captain for the day, constantly encouraging his players.

The second rows, Mat Stanger and Mat James, both played well, providing solid foundation for the front row of Jenkins, Veness and Burston.

Wings Danny Morris and Justin Sammut had little ball going forward, but both put in numerous tackles. Centres O'Keefe and Robert Laing both showed promise, as did Taylor at full-back.

Sustained pressure from the View pack saw them camped on the Rhiwbina line, and after several pick and drives, Jamie Jenkins was able to burrow over for a well deserved try.

The game ended soon after with a final try for Rhiwbina.

Although a heavy defeat, the spirit shown by the View was remarked on by the referee who couldn't believe the effort put in the second half, well done to all the players.

This week is a cup weekend, Llandaff North are the visitors, kick-off at 2.30pm.

Many thanks as always to our supporters, and also to our shirt sponsors, LNC Flooring.

MV

Weekley secures Pumas' points

WHEN Barry Pumas met Cardifflona in a friendly pre-season match, the Cardiff team won 4–3.

There would be no repeat of that result as the Pumas have got their act together since the season started.

The game began with Barry having most of the ball, but Cardiff had the best chances coming close twice within the opening 15 minutes.

Pumas then broke through on the 20 minute mark when Ben Weekley scored with a powerful drive to the bottom corner.

He put another one away just a few minutes later from the edge of the 18 yard box when the keeper fumbled his effort into his own net.

Pumas went in 2–0 up at half time.

The second half was almost a carbon copy of the first with Cardifflona having a few chances, before Weekley scored again, closely followed by a fine solo effort from Peters to make it 4-0.

Barry Pumas now sit second in the table only to goal difference.

MS

Under-12As go 4-5-1 for victory

ON Saturday, Cowbridge under-12 A faced Sully at Corntown.

Cowbridge saw two goals by David Bear disallowed for offside, but it was a good sign of what was to come, and it wasn't long before he bagged his first.

James Holder soon took the score to 2-0 with another wonderful burst down the left wing, followed by a rifling shot on goal.

The composure of the back four, Bainbridge-Glover at right back, Tom Williams and Duncan Ace the centre-halves and Will Smith at left back, ensures build up play starts at the back, and in this match they were constantly in control, leaving new goalkeeper Owen Tuckwell with little to do.

Midfield was organised with George Day playing the holding role, and linking well while giving that added protection to attacking midfielders, James Holder, Luke Jeffries, Sammy Lee and Sean Davies.

Holder was his normal tough attacking self on the left, supplying beautiful balls into the box, Luke Jeffries and Sammy Lee were strong in the middle with Sean Davies in top form down the right wing.

David Bear put in a sterling performance and this saw Cowbridge 6-0 up at half-time and in full control of the game.

The second half saw a few team changes which forced more pressure on to the Sully team.

Cowbridge added a further two goals to win the match 8-0.

All in all, a great performance by Cowbridge and a great display of football.

SD

Sully grab bonus point victory over Whitchurch

Sully Sports	**27**
Whitchurch	**17**

SULLY Sports welcomed Whitchurch to South Road, expecting to make up for the loss the week before.

The home side struggled in the set piece areas where they are normally so strong, the scrum was misfiring and lineouts were untidy.

However, as the half went on it began to improve and Sully got their game together with some good inter-play between forwards and backs.

The visitors defended well out wide, so the first points came from fly half Mike Saunders, who collected his own grubber kick through the onrushing defence to touch down under the posts.

Whitchurch hit back through their live wire scrum half, who made a blind side break following an aggressive scrum and scored in the corner.

This spurned on Sully to up the tempo of the game, with scrum half Mike Mees making quick ground through several tap penalties as a result of the visitors continually slowing the ball down illegally at the breakdown.

However as Sully were awarded a penalty in front of the posts, up stepped Mike Saunders to slot home a penalty to extend the lead as the half time whistle went.

Whitchurch started the second half stronger and hit back with a converted try following sloppy defending by the home side.

Again, Sully pulled themselves back into the game and the forwards started to take control at the set piece.

A series of driving mauls pushed Whitchurch up the pitch to the point where the referee had no alternative but to sin bin their captain after his side had given a series of penalties at the breakdown.

Sully kept the pressure on and with a tap penalty, the forwards drove close to the line.

A quick ball was fed to John Thomas who, after returning from the sin bin, went over to claw the lead back for Sully.

The match had started to open up with both sides finding space in the midfield, resulting in an exchange of the lead as the sides exchanged tries, with centre Matt Phillips going under the posts as a result of another great attack involving pretty much all the team.

In the final minutes, Sully looked to finish stronger, winning crucial turnover ball and forcing errors by their visitors, through some very aggressive defending in the midfield, notably by Peter Mees and Matt Phillips.

The home side were rewarded for their efforts when Whitchurch were given a penalty on their own line and decided to run it, as it was the final play. But, as a pass was dropped behind their line, flanker John Thomas was on hand to dive on the ball and give Sully Sports a four-try bonus point win at the final whistle.

Team: L Walters, D Stillman, M Phillips, P Mees(captain), W Jones; M Saunders, M Mees; D Stillman, J Newland, J Velda, M Angove, S Mills, J Di Tomaso, J Thomas, D Russell. Reps: I Yasin, R Swinfen, A Stillman, I Moore, D Weston.

JDT

Cottrell Park ladies are all in the pink!

First prize for Kay Bradbury and Anne Birt, presented by Lorraine Pointon-Bell.

THE LADIES in pink at Cottrell Park Golf club supported the Breast Cancer Campaign by playing a four ball, better ball competition on Thursday, October 21.

The competition had been postponed previously due to very wet weather and the hope of playing it on a better day; but this was not to be the case, as the day was anything but pleasant.

The competition was reduced to 10 holes on the Button course, but in spite of this, many ladies joined in the competition and played well.

There were fines on various holes which caught out most ladies, who paid up willingly for a good cause.

Following the raffle, prizes were presented to the winners by the ladies' captain Lorraine Pointon-Bell.

First prize went to Kay Bradbury and Anne Birt with 24 points, and second prize to Helen Evans and Jan Crosby with 23 points.

The total raised, including donations, was £324, which was a very good effort by everyone.

Lorraine thanked all the ladies who had taken part.

CB

Second prize for Helen Evans and Jan Crosby

Barry Second XV cut loose against Old Penarthians

Barry 2nd XV	**48**
Old Penarthians	**5**

BARRY Second XV produced another stellar display, to maintain their winning run, stretching their streak to nine.

The recalled Chris Chucas, positioned at the unfamiliar role of full back, opened the scoring with two tries in the first 10 minutes, and that set the tone for an impressive Barry performance.

The Old Penarthians had no response to the home side's incisive attacking play, characterised by Richie Williams, revitalised in his new role at scrum half.

Luke Bounds and Ashley Adams (twice) crossed over to maintain their superb try-scoring records, and between them they have amassed more than 50 points this season.

Adam Lee was again reliable with the boot, adding 13 points to take his total past the century mark for the season.

Marvin Cordle, on his first appearance for more than a year, and Christian Bourge also crossed for Barry, who avenged the one-point defeat of the Barrians by the same opposition earlier in the month in a dominating display.

Team: Chucas, A Evans, Harris, Bounds, Adams, R Williams, Lee, Lakin, Turnbull, Sullivan, Myers, J Evans, Rendall, Dutton, Rolfe. Subs used: Cordle, Bourge, Haigh, Elsworth.

Man-of-the-match: Williams.

THIRD TEAM DIGS DEEP FOR VICTORY

Wick Second XV 8, Barrians 10

WITH an injury crisis hitting the first and second XV in Barry, it was a minor miracle that the Barrians, the third team in the club, managed to field a side away to Wick.

Player-manager Ken Chow was, as usual, forced to dig deep and handed out debuts to Christopher Bailey and Will Dop in an inexperienced back-line.

The forwards, however, were much more experienced, led by veterans Christian Prosser, Andy Moffat and Joff Williams.

Playing a tight, forward orientated game, the visitors were troubling the home side with some strong runs before a bad injury to the one of the Wick players led to a lengthy delay of 12 minutes.

The result was that Wick were down to 13 men, and so debutant Nicky Palmer, who was originally on the bench for Barrians, was loaned to the home side, with Nigel Boffy dropping out for the visitors.

Also, in what would prove to be a managerial masterstroke later, flanker Ben Hitchcock was moved back to the unfamiliar role of full back.

It was Wick who reacted better after the delay, as they turned over Barrian ball in midfield and released their full back to cross in the corner for an unconverted try.

Barrians rallied. Cieran Thomas, in the foreign position of scrum-half, powered forward to score from close range to level the scores, capping off an outstanding performance in the first half.

Despite the missed conversion, Bailey began to release the powerful running of Ian Davies to trouble the home defence.

Wick began the second half intent of retaking the lead, and probed into the away 22 with intelligent kicks, only for the fit again Chow to run the ball out of danger with a characteristic sidestep.

The home side continued to dominate territory, and if it were not for some tremendous defending on the line they would surely have scored under the posts. Eventually they had to settle for three points after a well-struck penalty.

Once again, however, Barrians rallied. Incisive runs by Moffat, Prosser and Lundy created another opportunity for scrum-half Thomas, and he made no mistake to ground his second try of the game. Bailey was unable to add the extras.

Wick had one final chance as they spread the ball out wide late on to the loanee Palmer, who looked certain to score after brushing off a tired tackle by Chow, only to be crashed into touch by a thunderous tackle from Hitchcock covering from full back.

The heroic Barrians defence was eventually rewarded with the final whistle, and with it a first-ever victory.

Team: Boffy, Dop, Davies, M Thomas, Chow (captain), C Thomas, Bailey, Houldey, Bergeron, Lundy, Williams, Manley, Hitchcock, Prosser, Moffat. Subs used: Palmer. Men-of-the-match: 'The Barrians'.

Cowbridge juniors pile on the points

COWBRIDGE under-11s welcomed Old Illtudians and from the outset it became clear that Cowbridge would prove to be too strong for the Cardiff boys.

The coaches decided to rest a number of the first team players and try a few new combinations. While Old Illtudians gave a spirited performance, the tries came thick and fast as Cowbridge raced to an early lead.

What was extremely encouraging was the boys' attitude in adhering to the team ethos of moving the ball at every opportunity and not just trying to get their name on the score sheet. By half-time, the score had grown to Cowbridge 55 Old Illtudians 0.

The second half saw a number of personnel changes and boys playing out of position. However, the scores continued to flow as Cowbridge dominated all areas.

Old Illtudians, to their credit, never gave up and the loudest cheer of the day was reserved for their winger as he crossed the whitewash to register their solitary score.

By the end of the game, Cowbridge had extended their lead to leave a final score of Cowbridge 110 Old Itudians 5.

Try scorers were Evan Williams, Luke Beattie, Jake Griffiths, Dylan Cottle, Rhys Bradshaw, Bevan Howells, William Davies, Sam Corkill, Max Cunnington, Jac Roberts and Cameron Roy.

Many thanks to the players from Old Illtudians, who never gave up, and their coaches and parents for their support.

Finally, a huge thank you to Stuart Roy and Angus Robertson from Cardiff Sports Orthopaedics for sponsoring the club's new training tops.

Squad: Angus James, Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Dylan Cottle, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, Luke Beattie, Max Cunnington, Max Lucas, Oliver Reynolds, Rhys Bradshaw, Sam Corkill, Tom Coates, Tom Jose, William Davies.

Under-12s Blues Cup

ON a perfect sunny morning in Llantrisant, Cowbridge under-12s eased into the next round of the Blues Cup with an outstanding display of open and entertaining rugby.

The visitors' forwards were in outstanding form, with Duncan Ace, Matthew Keating and Charlie Martin providing a solid platform for scrum-half Osian John. With the majority of possession, the Cowbridge backs blitzed their opponents, scoring 13 tries and eight conversions.

Llantrisant applied little pressure throughout the game, and when they did, excellent defence and sound tackling by Michael Thomas, Toff Patel and Josh Evans prevented them threatening the Cowbridge line.

Try scores: James Holder (six), Seán Davies, Thomas Evans – Williams, Rhys Beynon, Ben Terry, Charlie Pegrum, Duncan Ace and Cai Evans, who also converted eight of the tries.

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Bonvilston's Tom Harvey reflects on his record-breaking racing year

AS the dust settles on another season, south Wales' Tom Harvey has been left to reflect on a breakthrough year that saw him not only set a new record for the number of national podium finishes in a single campaign, but also claim the British Championship crown and firmly establish himself as the most consistent MSA Cadet class driver in the country.

It was barely a year ago that Tom registered his maiden national triumph in the hotly-contested, Lewis Hamilton and Bernie Ecclestone-backed Formula Kart Stars Championship (FKS) at Whilton Mill – and now he has eight more to his name, and 14 further rostrum finishes to-boot up against the stiffest opposition that has been seen for some time.

Wrapping up the Super 1 Series laurels a round early – the highly-rated young Bonvilston youngster was embroiled in a three-way tussle for FKS honours, too, only to see his determined bid undone by a rogue batch of tyres in the Ellough Park finale.

After dominating practice, on race rubber he suddenly lost six 10ths of a second – and with them, sadly, all chance of securing the title.

Still, with victories at Whilton Mill, Rowrah, Nutts Corner and even overseas at Genk in Belgium – as a spellbinding mid-season charge saw him go unbeaten for six national finals on the trot – Tom certainly made people sit up and take notice of his precocious potential in 2010.

Tom Harvey in action.

With it taking a considerable amount of effort to compete successfully in FKS and Super 1 – one alone is challenge enough – the 12-year-old was the only driver in Britain to feature right up at the sharp end and do battle for glory in both.

"I feel pretty good about how the year has gone," he said. "There have been good moments and bad moments. It was a shame things didn't go right for me at Ellough which meant we didn't win FKS as well – I'd wanted to win both British championships – but I tried my best all year and I'm proud of what I've achieved.

"People have told me the competition in Cadets has been the toughest and closest this year that it has been in ages, and I won or lost races by a thousandth of a second – not a hundredth, a thousandth! It's been unbelievable. I remember at Genk, it was particularly hectic – any one of 17 drivers could have won.

"I've had 22 national podiums, so that's pretty cool and quite an achievement."

Local athletes go for the burn

VALE athletes were close on the heels of former world champion adventure racers at Cardiff's first ever multi-sport event in Cardiff Bay on Sunday (October 24).

The Cardiff Burn's female pairs winners were Cowbridge pilates teacher Debbie Cooke and Georgina Fleming from Bridgend.

"It was great to do something different and compete as a team. We only had one hour of kayaking tuition in the swimming pool at Atlantic College, but it worked out well and we certainly saw the sights of Cardiff," said Debbie. Both ladies are members of Pencoed Triathalon Club and Bridgend AC running club.

Cardiff Burn was directed by the Vale adventure racing athlete Maria Leijerstam and drew competitors from all over the UK and abroad to run 10k, cycle 35k and kayak for 3k in Cardiff Bay.

The male pairs was won by Nick Gracie from Richmond and Tom Gibbs from Chepstow.

The mixed pairs winners were husband and wife team Rachel and Chris Ayres from Tynant, Pontypridd. The family pairs was won by Tom Lawson, and his 16-year-old son David from Whitchurch.

The youngest competitor on the day was nine-year-old Luke who completed the course with his father Wade and, adding a sparkle to the activities, were James Stride from Coventry and Neil Antclisse from Litchfield, both dressed as Pamela Anderson of Baywatch fame.

The Cardiff Burn series will continue in Swansea, Aberystwyth, Llandudno and Cardiff next year.

Debbie Cooke and Georgina Fleming winners of the Cardiff Burn's female pairs section.
Photo by R&R Photography

Imps rue the missed chances in Cup game

Cardiff Airport 3
Cadoxton Imps AFC 2

CADOXTON IMPS AFC's mixed division one and division two team produced an excellent footballing performance in the second round of the Barry Cup against Cardiff Airport from the Premier Division, but the Imps paid the price for not converting their possession and territory into goals.

The Imps started so well and completely dominated possession and territory for the first 35 minutes such that you would have thought they were the Premier League team. However, chances were not taken by the Imps, with the crossbar and goalmouth scrambles going against them.

Then, in a seven minute spell towards the end of the first half, Airport turned the game completely on its head. From three set pieces (two corners and a free kick) the Imps failed each time to mark their men and pick up the runners and so, all of a sudden, the Imps found themselves 3 – 0 down, completely against the run of play.

In the middle of this, Imps keeper Steve Newman also pulled off a fantastic flying save to prevent further damage.

With half time fast approaching, the Imps were given a chance to pull one back when Wilson Diaz was brought down in the Airport box but Wilson, who has already scored two penalties this season, tried to place the spot kick too softly and the keeper made a good save.

The Imps kept pressing and Gareth Evans' placed shot frustratingly bounced off the left hand post rather than going in, and Clayton Ross also went close with another placed low shot after a good passing move down the right with Owen Pursall, and so the Imps went in 3-0 down at half time.

In the second half, the game was a bit more evenly balanced for the first 15 minutes but the Imps were still creating and not converting chances. Then the breakthrough for the Imps came with a second penalty awarded for handball.

Clayton Ross stepped into the breach to slam home a well taken spot kick and with further pressure from the Imps, another Owen Pursall/Clayton Ross move down the right resulted in Clayton Ross slamming home a beautiful volley from the edge of the box to bring the game back to 3-2 and give hope to the Imps.

Airport then had a player sent off after a late lunge and so the Imps felt that the tide was finally turning in their favour but, despite constant pressure in the last 15 minutes, Airport held out, with their keeper making two close range saves.

With the Imps pushing forward, Airport did have a couple of chances on the break, although these came to nothing and so Airport ran out as eventual 3-2 winners at full time.

Imps Man of the Match – two goal Clayton Ross (his dad Derrick will be pleased!).

The Imps would like to thank Cardiff Airport for the competitive but fair spirit in which the game was played and to wish them all the best in the quarter final against SP Construction. The Imps would also like to thank referee Mark Harvey for the free flowing yet fair and decisive way he refereed the game – you can tell he was a past player!

Imps team: Steve Newman, Ryan Pike, Richard Holley, Harvey Johnson, Nicky Williams, Andrew Mason, Gareth Evans, Gavin Lewis, Owen Pursall, Wilson Diaz, Clayton Ross.

Subs: Ryan Jones, Rhys Tinsley, Richie Williams.

Keira defies injury to take first place

THE UK School Games are a multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age and is run as a four-day event designed to replicate the feel of an Olympic, Paralympics or Commonwealth Games.

This year Barry YMCA was thrilled to have four gymnasts in the games. Kiera Brennan represented the club in the women's artistic gymnastics team and Iwan Mepham, Joseph Rowlands and James Elliott represented the men's artistic gymnastics team.

Kiera who spent most of 2009 injured, had her first competition and performed on all four pieces of apparatus. She was part of the Welsh team which was placed second overall. In the individual competition Kiera placed seventh overall and qualified for the floor and beam final.

In the finals Kiera suffered a very nasty fall from the beam, causing her to forfeit the rest of the piece. Her coach Tracey Skirten carried her from the beam area and told officials that she would be pulling out of the rest of the competition.

Kiera was devastated and begged her coach to allow her to do her floor final. She competed in the floor event with a dead leg, but her injury seemed to add to her courage and she tumbled, leaped and danced her way to the first place.

In the men's competition Iwan, Joseph and James were very relaxed going into their event. All three have had prior experience of the games and knew what they needed to do.

The team, led by Barry coach Nathan Mullett and Swansea coach Chris Jones, worked consistently across six pieces of apparatus to place second overall. Iwan qualified for four of the six apparatus finals and placed fourth in the floor final and joint third in the Parallel Bars final with James.

James also qualified for a vault final and high bar final but had to forfeit his position in the high bar after injury.

Joseph qualified for rings, high bar and pommel horse finals and secured a bronze on the pommels.

Barry YMCA high performance coach Pete Haysham, who missed the event due to pre-Commonwealth games training with Barry gymnast Clinton Purnell, said he was very pleased with the boys' performances against such stiff competition.

ABOVE: Barry gymnasts were flying high at the UK School Games.

Barry under-8s turn on style in second half

BARRY under-8s travelled the short distance to play Glamorgan Wanderers on Sunday.

The first match saw the visitors taking the game to their opponents straight from kick-off. Some selfish play in the opening 10 minutes kept Glamorgan Wanderers in the game, with Barry failing to pass the ball at speed.

Barry looked a much better team in the second half as they ran in plenty of tries with some very neat phases of play. Try scorers in the first game were B Phillips, C Saunders, L Escott, Z Fifield and J Couch.

The second game saw Barry in control from start to finish. Glamorgan certainly tried using all the tricks in the book, but this was only met by a more determined Barry team.

A number of decisions from the ref left some of players and supporters scratching their heads, but Barry raised their own game and again ran in number of tries from C Saunders, I Escott and J Roberts.

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European glory for Welsh league team

IN front of a near capacity crowd in Albi, Wales pulled off a massive shock to beat favourites France on their own turf by the slenderest of margins, 12-11 to win the European Cup and qualify for the 2011 Four Nations, where they will take on England, Australia and New Zealand.

The game was a thriller, and but took a penalty from Lloyd White, once again one of the star players for Wales, to give them unarguably the biggest win in Welsh Rugby League history.

Wales' first chance came on 14 minutes when Mark Lennon attempted to get on to the end of a high bomb, but Elima was first to the ball. France eventually broke through on 17 minutes when Quentin Nauroy got on the end of a Teddy Sadaoui pass; Munoz missed the conversion attempt.

Rhys Williams thought he had a try on the board when he dived on to a loose ball, but the video referee ruled that Kear knocked on when diving for the ball in the lead up.

Both sides tightened up in the second half, and Wales finally got on the board on 46 minutes when Rhys Williams got on to the end of Danny Jones' pass.

It was his 10th Welsh try, putting him in second place in the all-time list, just two behind his coach Iestyn Harris. White's conversion put them into the lead.

Wales increased their lead on the hour when skipper Gareth Thomas scored, following a fine passing move involving Jones, White and Kear.

White was unlucky to miss the tough kick that just sailed past the far post.

France looked for a way back, and got through on 67 minutes. Yohan Tisseyre knocked the ball down after out-jumping Williams, and Teddy Sadoaui was in the right place to score. Munoz converted to level the scores and put France in pole position.

Lloyd White looked to have scored a winner for Wales but his drop-goal was ruled out for obstruction, and from the resulting penalty, France went upfield and nicked what looked to be the winning one-pointer themselves through Gigot.

However, with four minutes to go, Wales were awarded a penalty 40 metres out and Lloyd White ignored the catcalls around the stadium and kicked the winning goal.

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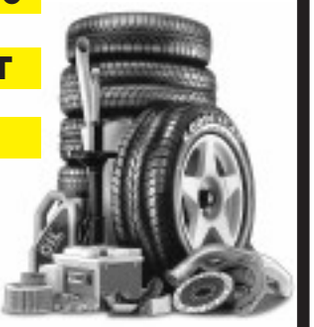

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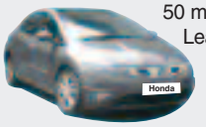
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BARRY HUSKIES BASKETBALL CLUB NEWS

Huskies test Cougars in tough season opener

BARRY Huskies Basketball Club got their 2010–2011 season under way with games at home against Kenfig Cougars and away to Cymmer Wizards in quick succession.

The Huskies' squad this season is in transition due to the loss of four players – three to rival teams and another on a year's sabbatical.

New coach, former Welsh international, Steve Trigg, is looking to keep the team competing in arguably the strongest Valleys League Division One in the past 10 years.

The game against the Cougars was a tough opening game for the Huskies. The Cougars were league winners in 2009 and boast three current Welsh internationals and three former internationals.

The Cougars brought their usual game to the Huskies with a swarming defence and an aggressive offence, but the experience of the Huskies showed as they stayed neck and neck through the first quarter.

The majority of the Cougars points were scored inside, while Jack Dyer and Lloyd Roberts scored the majority of the Huskies' points.

The second quarter, with the Cougars going on a six-point run, only for coach Trigg to change the Huskies' game and close the gap to three points.

Lloyd Roberts, the Huskies' Welsh international, dominated with the Cougars unable to stop him scoring. He would finish with a game high 42 points. Half-time saw the Cougars lead 39–32.

The second half saw the Cougars continue their aggressive game, but the Huskies kept it tight, with Roberts continuing his scoring, assisted by the veteran Ian Gibbons, who scored 17 points.

However, as the game wore on the Huskies were unable to bridge the gap and eventually lost 91–84.

Afterwards, coach Trigg said: "That was a tough game but my boys showed great spirit and almost snatched it at the end. Lloyd was fantastic and on this form he's unstoppable".

The Wizards, arguably one of the weakest teams in the division, proved no opposition to the Huskies. A final score of 94–42 was flattering to the losing team as coach Trigg was able to rest star player Lloyd Roberts after the first quarter, where he had scored 19 points, and was able to give valuable minutes to young Sean Maudesley.

At 6'9", Maudesley has the potential to go further in this game but is on a steep learning curve. He underlined his potential by scoring a game high 24 points and dominating defensively.

The experience of Ian Gibbons, who scored 20 points, proved invaluable as he guided him through the game.

Afterwards, coach Trigg said: "I was pleased that I was able to give Sean valuable minutes. Ian looked after him on the court and he showed what a great player he could be".

The Huskies train 8pm–10pm on Tuesdays at Barry Leisure Centre and 11am–1pm on Sundays at Holm View Leisure Centre. For further information, contact Alun Rees on 029 20531531 or go to www.barryhuskies.net.

LADY GOLFERS TAKE A 'CALENDAR GIRLS' FUNDRAISING ROUTE!

THE long-awaited RAF St Athan lady golfers' 2011 calendar is now on sale.

Sally Hopkins, the lady captain, said: "The launch was a great success. Over the past year, the ladies of the club braved the elements while dodging fellow golfers, as we posed for the photographer, Steve Jones of Windhorsephotography.

"We all had great fun and it was well worth the effort to produce a beautiful calendar. All profits will be divided between my chosen charity Hope in our Hearts and the upkeep of the course."

She continued: "RAF St Athan Golf Club aims to offer competitive membership fees despite the difficult economic climate and has welcomed our ladies fundraising efforts. As a club, we are proud of our junior section with many youngsters proving to be good golfers in later life.

"This leads me on to tell you about the Hope in our Hearts charity.

"Hope was born on April 25, 2008, to Emily and Stephen. Stephen started as a junior with the club and now represents the club's first team. Hope was born with a congenital heart defect and was receiving treatment at the Bristol Children's Hospital.

"Sadly, at just 16 months of age, things went wrong after a pre-operation appointment and she passed away in the arms of her parents.

"The Hope in our Hearts charity is fundraising to purchase a much-needed specialist children's defibrillator. Each year, there are around 4,600 babies born with some form of congenital heart defect, like Hope.

"Calendars can be purchased from the club for £7 each," Sally added.

THE MUCH ANTICIPATED LAUNCH!

Coaches through to national Sports Wales awards final

TWO Vale gymnastic coaches have been nominated in 'Coach of the Year' categories by Sport Wales.

After sifting through a record number of entries, judges, including representatives of governing bodies, local authorities, disability sport and Sport Wales, whittled down the final nominations.

Faye Benningwood of Barry YMCA has been recognised in the 'Female Coach of the Year' section.

Janelle Courtney has been nominated as 'Coach Educator of the Year'.

The chair of Sport Wales, Professor Laura McAllister said: "Coaches are the lifeblood of Welsh sport, we can't do without them.

"The calibre of coaches I come across on a regular basis is absolutely outstanding and I congratulate all the finalists for their achievements and dedication."

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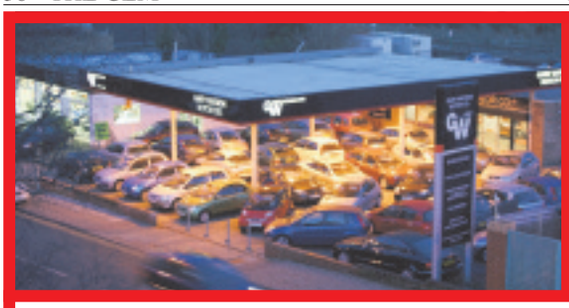

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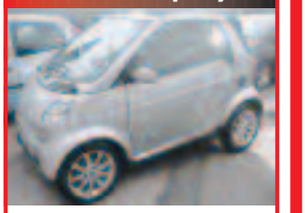

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Sully Sports B are just pipped by Cadoxton FC

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SULLY Sports B made the short trip to Bryn y Don to face Cadoxton Barry FC in a Division 2 clash.

It was a test to see how far Sully have come following their first game of the season, when the result went 4-0 in favour of reigning league champions, Cadoxton.

The game started at a high pace with a lot of the game being battled out in the middle of the park.

Cadoxton drew first blood when they were awarded a corner that was drilled in low. An attempted clearance by Ursell was mis-kicked, which fell nicely for the Cadoxton striker who couldn't miss.

Sully responded well with Spencer and Wesley winning the midfield battle. A great through ball by Spencer and great burst of pace by Jaime found himself through on goal, but from a tight angle he could only fire inches wide.

Sully continued to push forward in search of the equaliser. Good work down the right from Liam saw the ball played to Hulland, and a free kick awarded.

Up stepped Spencer, whose shot found its way into the bottom corner to level the scores.

Sully continued to press for the remaining of the half with half chances falling to Jaime, Chrissy and Hulland, and they started the second half well enough.

A 25-yard effort from Wesley, that went whistling over, was probably Sully's best effort, but with 10 minutes to go, Cadoxton struck the fatal blow when a corner was not properly cleared and Cadoxton's centre midfielder struck well to gave Ben no chance.

Sully continued to press but could not break down the Cadoxton defence and they saw the game out to win 2-1.

This was a great performance by Sully, showing the progress this side has made since its formation only four months ago.

Sully would like to pass on their wishes to James, who has announced his retirement from football following his recent serious injury. He will now concentrate his efforts with the club's kit duties.

Man of the match: Matt Ursell.

JL

Dave takes final Brynhill trophy

MOST golf club cup finals are played together on the much-awaited championship day and Brynhill is no different to the majority.

Unfortunately, due to holidays, work commitments and bad weather, the Wick Williams final had to be held over until Saturday, October 2, but it was worth waiting for!

The victor, at the second extra hole, was Dave Dranfield (pictured here), playing off 21, who edged out nine-handicapper Mike Stacey.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Evan's Ludlow double success!

LLANCARFAN trainer Evan Williams is the top trainer at Ludlow and last Thursday, he saddled a double there with *William's Wishes* and *Natureofthebeast* who were both ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

The former, a five-year-old bay gelding owned by Mrs D E Cheshire, took the Plymouth Cavery Beginners' Chase by eight lengths from *Wikaala*, and the latter, also a five-year-old bay gelding, owned by Mrs Janet Davies, scored by two and a quarter lengths from *Zakatal*.

At Plumpton earlier in the week, Aberthin's Tim Vaughan won the D & D Construction Handicap Chase with his eight-year-old grey gelding *Sean Og* who, ridden by R J Killoran, came home 12 lengths clear of *Space Cowboy*.

Debbie has a Brilliant day!

DEBBIE HAMER, who hails from Bridgend but who now trains at Nantycaws in Carmarthenshire, had a welcome winner at Fakenham last week.

Her seven-year-old chestnut gelding *Brilliant*, partnered by Aodhagan Conlon, landed the Conditional Jockeys' Selling Handicap Hurdle by three lengths from *Mister Fizzbomb* at odds of 8–1, making the long trek well worth while.

Debbie's husband Paul, a former Welsh champion point-to-point rider, who also hails from the Bridgend area, said: "We have never been to Fakenham before and we have been very patient with the horse. He was in the right grade and has done it nicely."

Meanwhile, Kenfig Hill's Rhys Flint took the opening Totesport Handicap Hurdle at Wincanton last Sunday on the Philip Hobbs trained *Robain,* who had six lengths to spare over *King's Revenge.*

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GEM sport

Cowbridge RFC just pipped, but signs are good for the future

ON SATURDAY, Cowbridge RFC took on Penygraig away, and despite losing 55–14, battled all the way to give plenty of optimism.

Cowbridge's points came through three penalties from outside half Huw Lougher and a well-deserved try for No 8 Steve Birchenough.

Last Saturday, Cowbridge entertained Wattstown and in an exciting encounter narrowly lost by 14–17.

The opening 20 minutes were honours even, although Wattstown had more of the play and their scrum was strong.

They spurned several goal kicking opportunities in the belief they could score tries but it was Cowbridge who opened the scoring on 23 minutes with a well struck Stu Lakin penalty.

Wattstown responded immediately as their No 8 picked up from the base of the scrum five metres out, and after some recycling, was on hand to dive over for a converted try.

Just before half time a penalty for crossing allowed Stu Lakin to close the gap to 6–7 but Wattstown had the last say of the half with a penalty for offside that the referee might have reversed, had he had seen some dangerous use of the boot.

Right wing Dan Wilcox continued his improvement with several excellent tackles and runs.

The second half saw some unusually weak tackling, which allowed Wattstown No 13 to score a converted try.

Stu Lakin's kick ahead worked beautifully as the alert Liam Rowlands at centre outstripped the defence to touch down for an unconverted try.

Cowbridge had a strong bench and several changes were made. Alex Lewis. who with Morgan Long, had forged a strong second row effort, left the field and Jordan Thomas came on; Tom Hanks came on at scrum half.

At the mid-point, a further penalty reduced the score to 14–17 and now Cowbridge were pressing for the win.

The pack, which had already given a good account of themselves, now moved up a gear and Alun John's introduction into the front row, and Dai Breed moving into the second row, saw Cowbridge on top in the scrum and Wattstown going backwards.

Jon Phillips at prop and Jack Williams at hooker continued to battle for everything, as did the impressive back row of Matt Wright, Steve Birchenough and Luke Boys.

But despite several takes against the head in the scrum and pressure on the Wattstown line, they held out for a narrow victory.

Huw Lougher looked very comfortable at full back and made several excellent counter attacks, and Steve Birchenough led the forward effort brilliantly, but this was a great effort by the whole pack who earned well deserved plaudits from the opposition for their tenacity.

The backs also tackled and defended valiantly.

After some lean weeks, Cowbridge looked strong, with a good bench and several other key players unavailable – we must work hard to keep this going.

A reminder from the coaches Graham and Simon that training is held on Tuesday nights 7.30pm to 8.30pm at the new astro turf pitch at Cowbridge school, and Thursday nights at the club, 7pm to 8.30pm.

If you want to get involved we will be delighted to see you.

All players need to train and keep in touch with the club about this Saturday's fixture.

On Friday (November 5) we will hold the annual bonfire night at the club.

All are very welcome to come along, with the bonfire due to be lit at 6.45pm and the fireworks to be set off at about 7pm – please get there early, and let's hope for a dry night!

RV/RK

Under-11s rack up points against the Old Illtydians

ABOVE: Cowbridge under-11s recently faced Old Illtydians and came away with quite a victory. Read the full match report on page 32.

10-man Town battle hard for away point

COWBRIDGE Town FC battled back from 1-0 down with 10 men to earn a creditable draw away to Sully Sports, a result which maintains their slim hold in the top three in division one.

The match started in difficult conditions, a typical blustery wind helping Sully gain an early ascendency. That advantage told within 15 minutes, as Town's failure to clear their lines saw the Sully striker skip past his man and fire into the bottom corner.

Things got worse for Cowbridge soon after, with neat play releasing captain Craig Burrows, who was duly pulled to the ground after neatly rounding the Sully keeper.

To the astonishment of the Town side, the referee duly booked the midfielder for diving, then condemned him to an early bath for abusive language in the following protestations.

Sensing they would need a special effort to find a way back into the match, and still battling against the conditions, Town dug deep for the remainder of the first half and were glad to come in at half time 1-0 down.

Strong words at half time, and an improved work rate from the Cowbridge side saw them assume some control over the second half.

Substitutions were made, with Jack Gavin and the returning Nic Vaile providing natural width and a more attack minded outlook.

Their brave approach soon paid dividends for Town, when a fantastic long pass from midfielder Tim Phillips found Jack Gavin on the left flank. He whipped in a brilliant cross for Dave Davies to dispatch a header and bring the 10 men back on terms.

Sensing they could complete the comeback and gain an unlikely three points Town continued to control things, but late pressure went unrewarded and the spoils were shared equally.

Town's next fixture is this coming Saturday (October 30), at home to derby rivals Llantwit. The match kicks off at 2.15pm at the leisure centre, Cowbridge, and it would be great if football fans could come and add to the special derby atmosphere.

MR

NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE SQUASH CLUB

Two good victories see the A and C teams moving up

COWBRIDGE A Bar 44 and Cowbridge C squash teams both faced opposition from the Roath-based David Lloyd Centre in week three of the South Wales and South Glamorgan Leagues.

The B team Bar 44 meanwhile had a rest week following the withdrawal of Llanishen B from South Glamorgan Division One.

Wednesday at The Athletic Ground venue saw the visit of David Lloyd C to face Cowbridge's third team line-up.

An excellent 4-1 win was produced by an unchanged line-up from Nos 1 to 5 of Colin Giles, Hugh Wallace, skipper Dave Matthews, Tony Steele and Andy Littlejohn.

Following 3-0 results in weeks one and two, Andy Littlejohn came up against a very fit opponent in Hayley Thomas and eventually went down 1-3 in a very tight match.

Tony Steele, however, levelled the match with a 3-0 victory.

No 3 string saw an inspirational comeback from 0-2 by captain Dave Matthews to edge the Cowbridge lads ahead. There were to be no real concerns for the rest of the match as both Hugh Wallace and Colin Giles produced comfortable 3-0 wins (both first wins of the season) – team result 17-5 win to the Cs.

Nick Guard's A team Bar 44 needed a match win to maintain their position at the top of South Wales Division Two East A. This they did in another evenly-balanced match, but it was again left to the No Ones to battle it out for the bonus points.

Nick Guard again secured the bonus points despite, by his own admission, being slightly below par.

The Cowbridge No 1 let the powerful David Lloyd No 1 dictate the pace in the first game going down 2-9.

He managed to tighten his game sufficiently to keep his opponent deeper on the court and pick him off with some of his trademark triple boasts to close out 9-3, 9-7, 9-6.

Earlier in the evening, Paul Reynish at No 5 started well to win the first game 9-5 but failed to stamp his authority on a tricky opponent and went down 1-3.

Niall Sloan at No 4 produced 5-0 leads in games one and two but could not hold on in either, and eventually lost 0-3 and is possibly suffering from "a bit of ring-rustiness"!

Garfield Leask produced a topsy-turvy display at No 3 – wiped out 1-9 in the first, he took more control to produce 9-4, 9-2 games before dipping 4-9 to go all square and worse, 2-7 down in the fifth, before gritting his teeth to close out 9-7.

Jon Bisson frustrated his No 2 opponent by "picking up" virtually everything Ian Anderson could throw at him to win convincingly 9-2, 9-4 9-1, hence setting the stage for evergreen Nick Guard!

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